

SBC Statistics Continue To Indicate Increases

NASHVILLE (BP) — The nationwide Southern Baptist Convention (SBC) reported 12.5 million church members, 1.3 billion dollars in total receipts, and the fifth highest number of baptisms in SBC history during 1974, according to statistics released by the Sunday School Board's research services department.

The 1974 SBC statistics, compiled from reports of 34,275 churches (459 others did not re-

port) in America's largest Protestant evangelical body, showed increases in several areas. They are church membership, Sunday School enrollment, church music enrollment, mission expenditures, Woman's Missionary Union (WMU) enrollment, total financial receipts, and the total number of churches.

Churches reported decreases in the number of baptisms and Training Union enrollment.

The 410,482 baptisms recorded in 1974 rank behind the record number of 445,725 in 1972; 429,063 in 1969; 410,857 in 1965; and 413,990 in 1973. This marks the fourth year in succession that the number of baptisms have exceeded 400,000.

For several years, church membership has been increasing at approximately one to two percent per year. In 1974, the increase was 1.8 percent of 218,496 persons over the 1973 membership.

The 1974 total membership increased to 12,515,842 in 34,734 churches across 50 states, compared to 12,297,346 members in 34,006 churches in 50 states in 1973.

The statistics indicate an 11.4% increase in the denomination's total receipts, resulting in a total of \$1,342,997,051 for 1974. This is an increase of nearly \$138 million dollars.

Mission gifts continued to increase in 1974, gaining almost \$28

million dollars (13.4 percent) for a total of \$219,389,030. This is the first time mission expenditures have exceeded \$200 million. It is the first time since 1966 that the percentage change of mission expenditures was greater than the percentage change of total receipts.

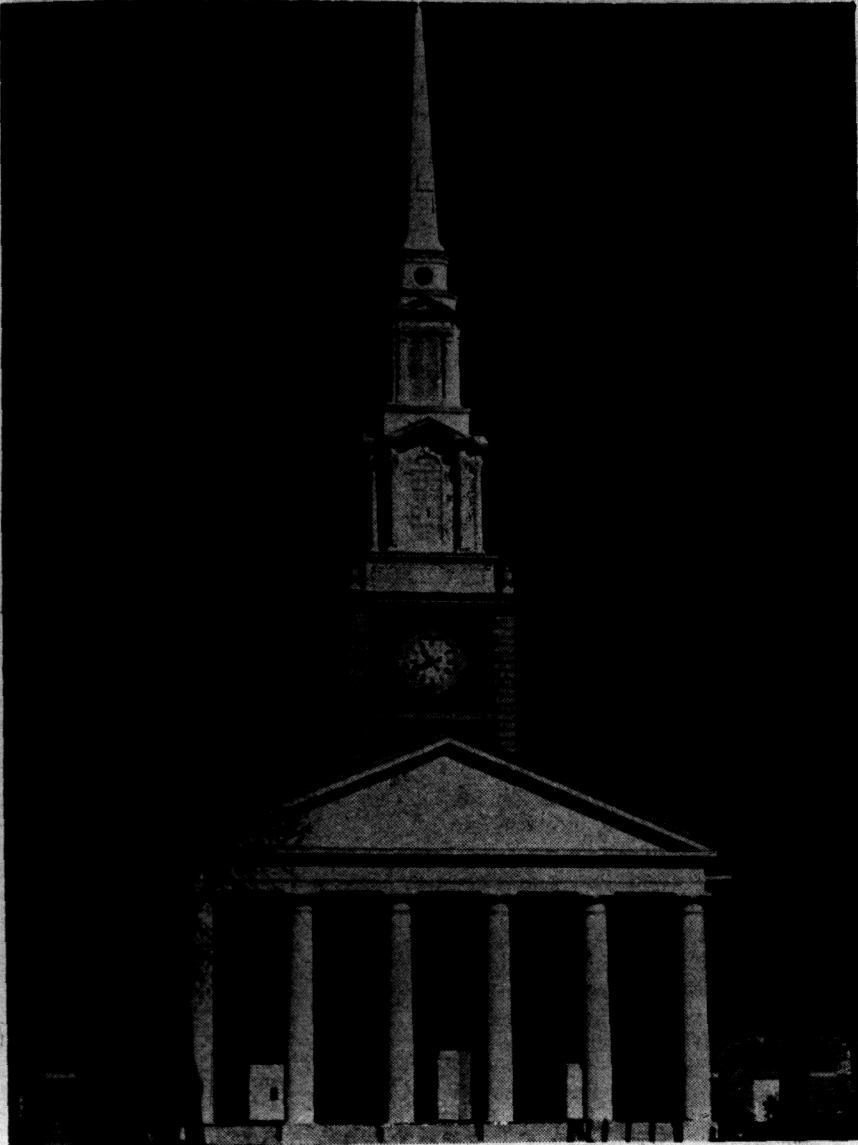
Sunday School enrollment increased 8,279 members in 1974 for a total of 7,190,829. In 1972, Sunday School enrollment experienced its first gain in eight years and

has continued to increase the past two years.

Church music enrollment continued to climb in 1974. Statistics indicate a 4.1% increase of 51,440 members for a total of 1,304,066.

During 1974, WMU's missions education program for women and girls increased for the first time in 10 years, rising 12,717 for a total enrollment of 1,115,140.

The Brotherhood program of missions education for men and (Continued On Page 2)



New Spire In Place

The new spire is in place atop the Roland Q. Leavell Chapel at New Orleans Seminary. The 95-foot steeple is a modified design of the spire of First Baptist Church, Providence, R. I., the oldest Baptist church in the United States. Friends of the seminary donated the \$88,400 for the construction of the spire, which was built in Campbellsville, Ky., and moved by truck to the seminary. First Baptist Church, Providence, was founded by Roger Williams in 1638, and the present meeting house was built in 1775.

Two Broadcasters Share Abe Lincoln Awards

FORT WORTH (BP) — Robert E. Rice of WRAU-TV in Creve Coeur, Ill., and Herbert W. Hobler, of WHWH in Princeton, N. J., have each received a 1975 Abe Lincoln Award from the Southern Baptist Radio and Television Commission.

For the second year, two top awards for outstanding service to the industry and their communities were given — one each in radio and television categories. The Southern Baptist Radio and Television Commission is the world's largest producer of religious programming for public service broadcasting.

Rice, executive vice president and general manager of WRAU-TV, and Hobler, president of Nassau Broadcasting Co., received their awards at the Sixth National Abe Lincoln Award ceremonies in Fort Worth's Tarrant County Convention Center.

Richard E. Wiley of Washington, chairman of the Federal Com-

munications Commission, was key note speaker at the awards banquet. The American Broadcasting Company filmed the event for presentation February 23 on the network's "Directions" program.

Rice and Hobler were among 10 broadcasters nominated for the award. An eleventh, Charles H. Crutchfield, president, Jefferson-Pilot Broadcasting Co., Charlotte, N. C., received the first Abe Lincoln Rainsplitter Award for industry pioneers.

Rice was cited by Paul M. Stevens, president of the Radio and Television Commission, for recognizing the problem of drinking and driving in Illinois and for spearheading a program to do something about it.

"The station's outstanding public affairs programs and timely editorials have been highlighted by a 'Dri-Roads' Rehabilitation Program' to re-educate people about alcohol and driving safety," (Continued On Page 2)

NASHVILLE (BP)—The Southern Baptist Convention's Executive Committee set a \$41 million, 1975-76 Cooperative Program basic operating budget — an overall national Cooperative Program goal of \$51 million — and took steps to strengthen SBC response to worldwide hunger and disaster.

The committee, comprised of laypersons and pastors from across the SBC, also approved up to \$1,664 to help fund a survey on a proposed name change for the SBC and approved a proposal to allow the denomination's Sunday School Board to borrow up to \$1.8 million to acquire land and build Baptist Book Stores in eight cities.

Additionally, the Sunday School Board was asked to provide staff leadership and assistance to give aid to ministers and church staffers with counseling needs. The action followed a request, approved at the 1971 SBC annual sessions in St. Louis, to look into the matter.

The Executive Committee also authorized its staff to circulate proposed changes in the SBC Home Mission Board's evangelism structure, which will be considered by the board's directors in March and brought to the Executive Committee at its June 9 meeting prior to the 1974 annual session in Miami Beach. The proposed changes will not be announced until the board's action in March.

Last year's convention, meeting in Dallas, asked the Home Mission Board to study the status and structure of its evangelism division.

Action on Disaster
The action on disaster reaffirmed program statements of four SBC agencies, which call for response to emergency needs, and also established a committee of eight persons as an advisory committee "to aid the appropriate agencies in alerting Southern Baptists immediately through the Baptist Press, on the basis of carefully worked out criteria, when a disaster calls for special consideration of the Southern Baptist church members."

The committee will consist of the chairmen of the SBC Home and Foreign Mission Boards, the SEC Stewardship and Brotherhood Commissions and the Executive Committee, plus the president of Southern Baptist Convention and the presidents of the Southern Baptist Press Association and state executive secretaries group.

Budget
The 1975-76 budget proposals include \$41 million basic operating budget, plus \$1 million for capital

needs. An additional \$9 million, set as a "challenge" goal for a total \$51 million, will be distributed to SBC agencies on the same proportion as the basic budget.

Chauncey R. Daley, editor of Kentucky's Western Recorder and chairman of a seven-person committee named by last year's convention, reported the committee has conducted extensive research around the SBC in studying a name change and the structure of the Executive Committee.

Part of that research, he said, should include a professional opinion survey on the proposal for an SBC name change conducted by the Sunday School Board's research services department.

He said the board has agreed to provide \$2,060 of the total cost of \$3,744 and asked the Executive Committee to approve the additional \$1,684 expenditure. The committee agreed.

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Executive Committee Sets Budget, Disaster Response

Bangladesh—Needs Overwhelm; Spiritual Ministry Continues

By Ruth Fowler
DACC, Bangladesh (BP) — Physical needs here are overwhelming, but missionaries haven't lost sight of the need to feed souls for Jesus Christ, as well as feed the hungry, clothe the naked and give shelter to those living on the streets.

What does one do when he or she sees people starving to death daily and is unable to feed them all? When he sees them sleeping

in the streets without even enough rags to cover their bodies?

Southern Baptist missionaries have been digging tube wells to relieve the contaminated water problem and the resulting cholera.

They have been providing fish and ducks, not only so the people can eat now, but to reproduce so they can eat for many tomorrows.

The missionaries have been taking the homeless to camps where they can be given blankets and

shelter. They have been giving farmers new rice seedlings so the latter can have a crop next season.

But in spite of their response to physical needs, the missionaries participate daily in many kinds of personal witnessing, plus larger planned efforts, such as a church growth conference in Dacca, Bible Way correspondence courses, a love feast in Feni and special relief efforts in Comilla.

D. R. (Danny) Hill saw hope in the people's eyes at the church growth conference held recently in Dacca. The first of its kind in the history of Dacca Baptists, the conference spotlighted different areas of growth.

An entire village, of about 400 families, was asking for Christian instruction, not relief. The village, already ostracized by Muslim priests for its Christian interests, wanted someone to come and talk to them about Jesus. A national Christian will go to them.

A young medical student, a recent convert to Christianity, shared how in the last two months eight of his Muslim schoolmates had accepted Christ, and they (Continued On Page 3)

SBC Room Assignments Top 4,700 For Miami Beach

MIAMI BEACH (BP)—With more than 16,000 registered "messengers" expected at the annual meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention here, June 10-12, 4,736 rooms have already been assigned by the SBC Housing Bureau.

"We are fortunate the convention is meeting in a place such as Miami Beach where an adequate room supply is available," said John Williams of Nashville, director of financial planning and assistant to the treasurer of the SBC Executive Committee.

Williams said persons wishing hotel or motel rooms or light house-keeping rooms should write as soon as possible to the SBC Housing Bureau, 555-17th St., Miami Beach, Fla. 33139, giving a definite date and approximate hour of arrival and including names and addresses of all persons who will occupy rooms requested. The Housing Bureau, he said, should be notified immediately if a cancellation is necessary.

WMU Convention Will Meet March 18-19 In Jackson

The annual convention of Mississippi Baptist Woman's Missionary Union will be held at Woodland Hills Church, Jackson, March 18-19.

Attending the meeting will be women from every section of the state, with an estimated attendance of up to 1200.

The meeting is scheduled to begin at 9:30 a.m. Tuesday and adjourn at 3:00 Wednesday.

Speakers for the meeting will be Dr. Baker James Cauthen, executive secretary, Foreign Mission Board, SBC; Rev. James Richardson, president, Mississippi Baptist Convention; Mrs. Lee N. Allen, assistant to executive secretary, Woman's Missionary Union, SBC; Beverly Hammack, associate, Christian Social Ministries Department, Home Mission Board; Rev. and Mrs. Lewis Myers, missionaries to Vietnam; Rev. and Mrs. Harry Raley, to Taiwan, Dr. and Mrs. James Young, to Yemen; Rev. and Mrs. Wayne Frederick, to Guadeloupe; Rev. and Mrs. John Jacobs, to Dominica; Betty Hart, to Chile; Mary Frank Kirkpatrick, to Ni-

geria; and Rev. Paul Vandercook, on the Mississippi Gulf Coast.

Mrs. Robert Smira of Jackson, president, Mississippi Woman's Missionary Union, will preside over the sessions.

Other officers are Mrs. E. M. Kee, Jr., of Woodville, vice president; Mrs. John Causey of Corinth recording secretary; and Mrs. Joel D. Ray of Hattiesburg, associate recording secretary.

The theme of this year's convention according to Miss Marjean Patterson, executive secretary-treasurer, Mississippi WMU, will be "Share His Love."

Directing the music will be Mrs. L. W. Odom of Jackson. In addition to leading congregational singing, Mrs. Odom will present special music.

A feature on one of the five age-level organizations of Woman's Missionary Union — Baptist Women, Baptist Young Women, Acteens, Girls in Action, and Mission Friends — will be presented at each of the sessions.

Parents of Mississippi missionaries will be recognized during the Tuesday morning session.

Prior to the Tuesday evening

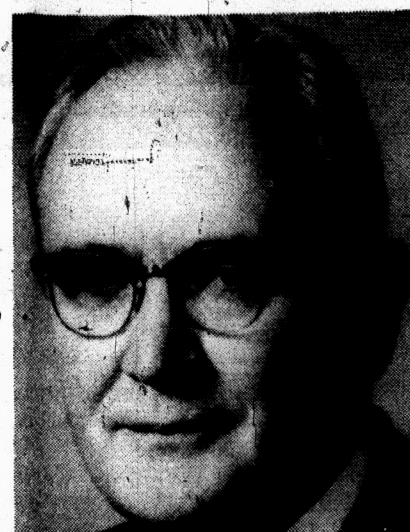
session a banquet for Baptist Young Women will be held at the Baptist Building in Jackson. Special guest at the banquet will be Mrs. Ralph Bailey (nee Jennifer Jo Blair, a former Miss Mississippi). The banquet will begin at 5:30 and will conclude in time for those present to attend the evening session of the convention. Baptist Young Women will be featured during the session on Tuesday evening.

An original drama on the beginnings of the Cooperative Program will be premiered at the Tuesday evening session. This drama, written and produced by Mississippi College Speech Department for Woman's Missionary Union, is in keeping with this year of celebration of the 50th anniversary of the Cooperative Program.

Special music for the Tuesday evening session will be presented by the Women's Handbell Choir of First Church, Clinton.

A business session will include the election of officers for the coming year and reports of several convention committees.

Pastor of the host church is Rev. Al Finch.



Cauthen



Smira



Allen



Young

HMB Appoints Six Missionaries From Mississippi

ATLANTA (BP) — Fourteen missionaries and 19 missionary associates were appointed in February by the Home Mission Board for service in 10 states. Six of these were from Mississippi, and two of the six are to work in Mississippi.

Paul and Frances Vandercook will serve in Pascagoula, Miss., as state director of work with internationals. The Vandercooks, both Mississippi natives, received their bachelor of arts degrees from Mississippi College in Clinton. Mrs. Vandercook is the former Frances Stokes.

Among those appointed missionary associates were David Langerfeld of Starkville, Miss., to serve as a student intern at Southern Seminary, Louisville; Willie McPherson of Mississippi, serving as a student intern, Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary, Mill Valley, Calif.; and Don and Nell Wilson of Mississippi to New Orleans, where he will serve as assistant director, rescue mission.

In many instances, Home Mission Board appointments are joint appointments with state conventions and in some cases the appointees are already at work.

Except For Stock Market, Annuity Board Has Best Year

DALLAS (BP) — The downward trend of the stock market kept the Southern Baptist Convention's Annuity Board from enjoying its best year ever, trustees of the SBC agency were told at their annual meeting here.

President Darold H. Morgan of Dallas reported that the board, in 1974, recorded the largest number of new members, a record amount of premium income, a record total funds held in trust, and a three per cent loss based on average assets.

Morgan said the loss, amounting to \$11.3 million, was due to the decline in the stock market which suffered one of the worst years in history.

Trustees learned, however, that some recovery has already been achieved.

"Between January 1 and February 5 of this year, the Dow Jones Industrial average already has recovered more than 100 points," Morgan said.

Long Range Objectives
He reminded trustees the board

has long range investment objectives. "We do not like a down trend in the market, but we can weather it out. Prudent investment practices include retaining our current investments in stocks, in order to minimize losses and maximize gains," Morgan said.

The newly elected chairman of the Annuity Board, W. Gordon Hobgood, Jr., an investment executive from Dallas, said the performance of the agency's total fund investment ranked in the top 9 per cent of similar type funds. The rating was prepared by A. G. Becker Co. of Chicago, which measures performance of 2,400 different funds throughout the nation.

Hobgood said the ranking means the Annuity Board outperformed 91 per cent of the funds surveyed by Becker.

The board was 33 per cent of its investments in common stocks. No new funds have been invested in common stocks since April 1973, Morgan said.

Funds held in trust for minis-

ters and for other church-related vocational workers stood at a record \$353,445,743, an increase of \$3,183,557 over 1973, the Annuity Board president pointed out.

A record number of new members was enlisted in Plan A, the basic retirement plan maintained by the Annuity Board and Baptist State conventions for ordained ministers in churches. The 1,969 new members enlisted in 1974 compares with 1,753 the year before.

Reached Record
Income from premiums and dues reached a record \$32,400,256 in 1974, topping the previous record of \$31,172,754 set two years ago, Morgan indicated.

Income from real estate attained a new high of \$4,892,234, and income from mortgage loans jumped to \$7,828,668, nearly double the 1973 amount from that type investment.

On the other hand, the realized and unrealized losses recorded for income from bonds, short-term investments and common

stocks amounted to \$21 million. "As the stock market rises, these losses can be recovered," Morgan said.

The number of ministers or widows of ministers receiving relief assistance showed a slight gain for the second straight year. The 409 assisted in 1974 compares with 405 aided in 1973 and the record low of 398 in 1972.

Funds for relief assistance are provided through the national Cooperative Program unified budget of the Southern Baptist Convention. Operation of the retirement and insurance protection programs offered through the Annuity Board is supported by income from investments.

Those receiving relief aid retired before the denomination's retirement protection ministry gained the wide acceptance among churches it has today, Morgan said.

The board's insurance services department reported an increase in the number of members in the life insurance plan for churches. A gain of 700 members during the year hiked the 1974 figure to 8,035.

Volume in force for this plan went up by \$14.5 million during 1974 to a new total of \$213,572,000.

Seminary Participation
An emphasis on seminary participation in insurance for students resulted in a 50 per cent gain in persons covered — from 1,058 to 1,569.

The Annuity Board added 725 new annuitants to its benefit rolls last year, down from the 767 new annuitants added in 1973. The board provides benefit payments for more than 9,000 annuitants in all — including retirees, disabled persons, and widows.

Benefits paid out to these annuitants in 1974 came to \$15,692,138, a drop of about \$150,000 from the preceding year. In 1973, the board gave two extra months of benefits to annuitants through a "13th Check" near the end of the year.

Because of the stock market decline, the board could grant only one month of extra benefits through the 13th Check in 1974. This accounted for the most part of the drop in benefits paid.

Charles L. Burrall Jr., of Philadelphia, the board's actuarial consultant, commended trustees for the "calm, analytical" manner in which they faced the declines caused by the stock market performance.

Hobgood, a layman, and board chairman of First International Investment Management, Inc., succeeds Dallas pastor, Bruce McIver, as chairman. McIver was elected one of three vice chairmen. The other vice chairmen are, Robert D. Crowley of Rockville, Md., a pastor, and David R. Vaughn, layman from Atlanta, Ga.

had been appointed to consider changing the name of the agency. The Sunday School Board is the denomination's publishing house and provides leadership in the educational programs of local churches.

Paul M. Stevens, head of the Southern Baptist Radio and Television Commission, speaking to the 64 members of the Executive Committee, emphasized the commission's role as a major public relations effort by the denomination and as an enabling agency providing special assistance to other Baptist agencies and organizations.

Stevens also indicated that within the limitations required by radio and television stations for public affairs programming the commission is moving to more direct and explicit Christian witness.

Darold Morgan, president of the SBC Annuity Board, Dallas, reported that staff studies are under way on seven areas of concern expressed by the Committee of Fifteen.

Morgan also told the SBC Executive Committee that retirement plans and services of the board have all of the safeguards required by recent federal legislation and exceed minimum standards set by law.

The six Baptist theological seminaries operated by the Southern Baptist Convention reported their separate responses to some areas of concern listed by the Committee of Fifteen, mostly indicating that these problem areas have been the focus of trustee and staff attention for several years.

The response of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky., was critical of the SBC Executive Committee for providing an inadequate framework for long range planning by the SBC agencies.

The Executive Committee authorized a study requested by the Home Mission Board for the development of a model for long range planning which can be utilized by all of the SBC agencies.

Other agencies have previously responded to the Committee of Fifteen report. Additional responses are expected later this year.



AT ABE LINCOLN EVENT—Dignitaries at the sixth national Abe Lincoln Awards ceremonies in Fort Worth, Texas, February 13 were (from left) Herbert W. Hobler; Federal Communications Commission Chairman Richard E. Wiley; Charles H. Crutchfield; Dr. Paul M. Stevens, president, Radio and Television Commission, SBC, and Robert E. Rice. Crutchfield, Hobler, and Rice won Abe Lincoln Awards for excellence in their broadcasting fields.

Abe Lincoln Awards

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said Stevens. "The program is so successful that 98% of the people charged with DWI in Illinois have elected to participate in it."

Hobler was lauded for an aggressive use of radio editorials exposing what he considered unfair and impractical governmental regulations on the broadcast industry.

"Mr. Hobler has shown how one man's courageous stand for what he believes can achieve action for problem areas in the industry or community," said Stevens.

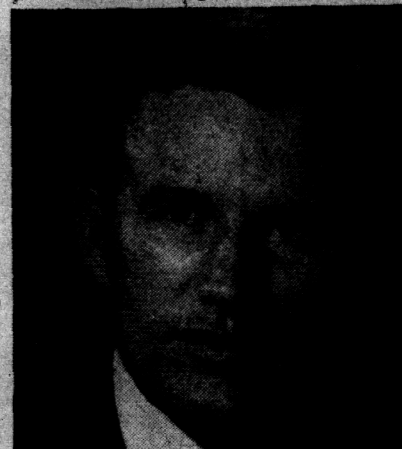
Hobler was cited for a demonstration — during a state governor's election — that, in truth, it is almost impossible for a radio or television station to be journalistically responsible while adhering to the Fairness Doctrine and Equal Time Law.

A committee of broadcasters from across the nation assisted the Radio and Television Commission in selecting the Abe Lincoln Award nominees. The other eight nominees won Abe Lincoln Merit Awards, all of equal importance for outstanding achievement in specialized areas.

The Abe Lincoln Awards program began in 1970 to honor broadcasters and pay tribute to an industry that yearly gives millions of dollars of public service

time to Radio and Television Commission programs.

In 1974, the industry gave Commission programs public service air time totaling \$9,500,000.



Claypool

Texas To Lecture At MC March 3-5

Dr. John R. Claypool, pastor of Broadway Church, Fort Worth, will be the guest lecturer for the Staley Distinguished Christian Scholar Series March 3-5 at Mississippi College. He will also speak at the Scholastic Recognition Banquet at 7:30 p.m. March 3. The theme for the series of lectures will be "Being Graced and Gracing."

McNairs Leave For India



John and Kathy, Mark and Heather McNair, at the airport, ready to leave for India.

By Marjean Patterson, Executive Secretary-Treasurer, Mississippi WMU

Today I realized what a privilege it is to be a Southern Baptist.

Two of Mississippi's finest young people, John and Kathy McNair, left Jackson for India where they will serve as Southern Baptist missionaries at the Christian Medical College and Hospital in Vellore.

As I stood at the airport along with family and friends of these two, I reflected on the spiritual heritage of Kathy and John — products of Christian homes, of Mississippi Baptist churches and their various programs, of a Mississippi Baptist college, and of a Southern Baptist theological Seminary.

Baptists already have made significant investments in the lives of both these people. Now Kathy and John have responded to the call of the Lord to place their lives alongside 2,600 others currently serving around this sad, hungry world of ours. So the opportunity comes to us now to invest in them further as we provide the necessary support they will require to live and work in India.

As Kathy said Goodbye to her parents, Rev. and Mrs. Marvin Lee, her father took her in his arms and said, "You be the best missionary that country's ever had."

"That country" has had mis-

sionaries such as William Carey, the Judsons, and Dr. Ida Scudder among other outstanding men and women. Yet this beautiful young woman and her brilliant, multi-talented young husband will be able to strive to be the very best missionaries ever to have gone to India because over twelve million Southern Baptists are here "holding the ropes" for them.

We commissioned them with the assurance that we here will support them daily with our prayers of petition in their behalf. We promised them they will never have anxious moments over whether they'll receive adequate funds on which to live and educate their children and do their work.

Through the Cooperative Program and the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering both Kathy and John will be free to "be the best missionaries that country's ever had."

As the McNairs walked through the door to the airplane neither looked back. They were going to India.

And as I stood there and wept along with many others who love them, I thanked God for the privilege of being a member of the denomination which seeks to surround young people with knowledge about the needs of the world and then sends them forth armed with the assurance that all the resources of God are available to them.

I'm so proud to be a Southern Baptist!

Southern And National Fellowship Plans Meeting

The Southern and National Baptist Fellowship will meet March 1 at Mt. Helm Baptist Church, Jackson, with the theme, "Seven Times Twenty-Four Equals Stewardship."

Speakers will include Dr. T. B. Brown, president of Mississippi Baptist Seminary and pastor of Mt. Helm Church; Owen Cooper, retired president of Mississippi and Coastal Chemical Corp. and past president of the Southern Baptist Convention; Fred Nolan, U. S. Housing and Urban Development Office, Jackson; and Dr. Dick Brogan, director of Cooperative Ministries with National Baptists, Mississippi Baptist Convention Board.



New Annuity Board Officers Elected

W. Gordon Hobgood Jr., Dallas layman (second from left), has been elected chairman of the Southern Baptist Convention Annuity Board. Other officers are (from left), David R. Vaughn, Atlanta layman, vice chairman; Darold H. Morgan, Dallas, president; Robert D. Crowley, Rockwell,

Md., minister, vice chairman; and Bruce McIver, Dallas pastor, vice chairman and immediate past chairman of the board. The president serves in a staff capacity as chief executive officer of the agency.



Everything We Touch Is Cooperative Program

The Cooperative Program, the lifetime of missions, is so much a part of our lives that it seems almost like the air we breathe. In the Pueblo Nuevo Mission where we work, in the city of Madrid, a new Christian asked the question, "Where can I find something about the Cooperative Program in the Bible?"

"You can't find it in the Bible by that name," we told her, "but if you take what Christ teaches about giving and about working together, you will find it hard not to come out with a Baptist Cooperative Program."

We have been on the mission field for 27 years, and year by year we are increasingly convinced that the Cooperative Program WAS and IS INSPIRED. It gives the support that makes it possible for missionaries to give their full time to the work without having to always be concerned about "raising" money.

In some circles the term "faith missionary" is used. The Cooperative Program is an arrangement that requires faith on everybody's part — those who GO as missionaries and those who STAY at home and support. It is the channel that makes possible the realization of the great missionary concept, "Every Christian must go to the ends of the earth with the Gospel — either personally or through a representative."

Everything we touch in our work is a reminder of the love and support of Southern Baptists, which comes to our work from the Cooperative Program. From the time we awake and send our children to school until we go to bed at night in a comfortable apartment provided for us, we are grateful recipients. We drive in a Cooperative Program car; we work in a Cooperative Program office; we see Cooperative Program church buildings going up; we go to a Cooperative Program Baptist Assembly; we teach in a Cooperative Program Seminary. In short we offer ourselves and the Cooperative Program equips us. Everything we touch in our missionary work in Spain is Cooperative Program, and we thank God for it. Rev. and Mrs. Charles Whitten Spain

Agencies Respond To Committee Of Fifteen

NASHVILLE (BP) — Actions prompted by an organizational evaluation of the Southern Baptist Convention were described here by administrators of the denomination's agencies.

More efficient and effective use of the denomination's resources was reported to be in progress as a result of 22 recommendations and 97 "concerns" expressed by the Committee of Fifteen a year ago.

The committee study, released in February, 1974, was the first major structure study of the 12.5 million-member body since 1958.

Baker James Cauthen told the SBC Executive Committee that the Foreign Mission Board was implementing "bold new plans" for expanding and strengthening Southern Baptist work overseas during the next 25 years.

Cauthen announced that the board now has under appointment 2,800 missionaries in 83 countries. A committee is working on detailed plans for a significant Southern Baptist missions challenge effort, he said. One part of the effort is a consultation on foreign

missions involving about 300 people at Miami, June 4-8.

The SBC Home Mission Board, Atlanta, submitted a lengthy written report to the denomination's Executive Committee outlining detailed plans for long range planning, reduction of overlapping work with other SBC agencies, expansion of its evangelism efforts across the United States, bringing its lay renewal efforts into sharper focus and intensifying its work in establishing new churches and missions.

Grady C. Cethen, newly installed president of the Sunday School Board, reported progress in the board's efforts to increase the amount of mission education material in the board's publications and to provide for greater flexibility in the retirement plans for board personnel.

He stated that action was under way to re-examine and update the board's numerous task statements and to improve coordination among the various church program organizations.

Cethen also announced that a committee of the board's trustees

Statistics Show Increase

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boys remained stable in 1974, for a total enrolment of 460,713.

The 1974 Training Union enrolment statistics, which do not include new member or leader training registration, showed a

2.3% decrease as compared with a 4.6% decrease in 1973. Enrolment totaled 1,904,986.

These statistical figures were compiled from the "Uniform Church Letters" received and were compared with the 1973 denominational figures.

Summary Of 1974 SBC Statistics

	1974	1973	Numerical Change	% Change
Churches	34,734	34,665	69	0.2
Baptisms	410,482	413,990	-3,508	-0.8
Church Membership	12,515,842	12,297,346	218,496	1.8
Ongoing Sunday School Enrolment	7,190,829	7,182,550	8,279	0.1
Ongoing Training Union Enrolment	1,904,986	1,949,640	-44,654	-2.3
Ongoing Church Music Enrolment	1,304,068	1,252,628	51,440	4.1
Ongoing WMU Enrolment	1,115,149	1,102,432	12,717	1.2
Ongoing Brotherhood Enrolment	460,713	461,080	-367	-0.1
Total Receipts	\$1,342,997,051	\$1,205,330,781	\$137,666,270	11.4
Total Mission Gifts	\$219,369,030	\$193,549,922	\$25,839,108	13.4

Herein Is Hope

To those who thirst for a droplet of hope, Southern Baptists can say: "In God's message of reconciliation you have hope."

We are ambassadors of reconciliation to knots of persons bottlenecked by language, culture, religion, abuse, deprivation, sickness, neighborhood. We must always be ready to explain the hope that we have in Christ.

When individually we cannot generate enough energy to penetrate their black despair with a ray of hope, we can plug into the powerful Southern Baptist home missions effort.

Through the Week of Prayer and Annie Armstrong Easter Offering for Home Missions, there is hope for us to cope with our national dilemmas.

In the message of reconciliation through Christ, there is hope for all the strains of our population to find joy, peace, brotherhood.

Examples of Other Annie Armstrong Easter Offering Allocations

Associational	
Services	\$825,000
Evangelism	
Projects	\$240,000
Interfaith	
Witness	\$90,000
National Baptist Ministries	\$380,000
Alaska Pipeline	
Ministries	\$20,000
US-2 Missionaries	\$190,000
Advance in Critical Areas after basic needs are met	\$1,300,000

"Once you were away from Christ, living in the world without hope and without God. Now in Jesus Christ you have been brought near, for he is our peace. Breaking down the dividing wall of hostility, he united two sections of mankind, to reconcile them in one body to God. So you are no longer strangers and immigrants, but fellow citizens and members of God's household" (adapted from Ephesians 2:12-19).



Hope for new churches to proclaim the message
A backyard Vacation Bible School in Webster, South Dakota, will strengthen a new church begun by Missionary Henry Chiles. Easter Offering allocation for church extension: \$1,350,000.

Home Mission Board photos by Don Rutledge



Hope for physical strength
Through Christian social ministries, children like these in the Baptist Center daycare program in Oklahoma City find food, rest, education, and safety. Easter Offering allocation for Christian social ministries: \$900,000.



Hope for counsel and guidance

Richard Cross, right, prison ministry director for Oklahoma City Baptists, counsels an inmate of Reno Federal Reformatory. Many chaplains and counselors work in various types of home missions. The Home Mission Board Chaplains Commission assists chaplains in hospitals, industries, and institutions, as well as more than 800 Southern Baptist military chaplains. Easter Offering allocation for chaplaincy ministries: \$30,000.

Home Missions Week Of Prayer March 2-9 Annie Armstrong Easter Offering \$8,500,000



Hope for more workers in missions

Mrs. Cecil Willetto cares for her daughter in Tinian, New Mexico, while her husband works as a "Messenger of the Word." More than 1,000 laymen such as Cecil Willetto assist home missionaries in language missions. Easter Offering allocation for language missions: \$2,075,000.

Executive Committee Sets Budget, Disaster Response

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for which the committee allowed the Sunday School Board to borrow money, will be in Shreveport, La., Dallas, Tex., Greensboro, N. C., Atlanta, Ga., Lubbock, Tex., Knoxville, Tenn., and San Antonio, Texas.

Equal Opportunity For Women
In other action, the Executive Committee approved revisions of its employee manual to conform to laws on equal opportunity for women. Copies of the manual will be provided to SBC Agencies for their information.

Other actions included a decision by the Executive Committee that the Southern Baptist Foundation is "fully empowered by its program statement to inform membership of the Southern Baptist Convention of its services. . . and that the foundation should do all it can to implement its program statement, also keeping in mind the needs of the state foundations."

The matter arose when a recommendation from the Committee of 15 called for a study of relationships of the Southern Baptist Foundation and the state Baptist foundations. Some state foundation executives raised the issue of the SBC Foundation's right to advertise its services in state conventions.

Christian Life Commission
Dealing with a protracted discussion between the SBC Christian Life Commission in Nashville and the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs in Washington about overlap of functions, the committee said:

"The Christian Life Commission (should) work through the Public Affairs Committee in every way possible in matters of government contact in Washington. . . The Public Affairs Committee (should) recognize the responsibility for approach to churches in the areas of public affairs in morality and ethics should be the responsibility of the Christian Life Commission, except in cases of specific matters of religious liberty and separation of church and state."

Continuing, the committee said it felt "it is to the best interest of the Southern Baptist Convention to have only one office in Washington to directly deal with the government and that all agencies in the convention should use the skills and resources of that office in every way possible."

Public Affairs Committee
"The Public Affairs Committee should utilize the Christian Life Commission in every way possible in sharing information it might obtain in government sources in areas specifically assigned to the Christian Life Commission," the committee continued.

The Executive Committee asked its staff to work with the Public Affairs Committee and the Christian Life Commission to make program statement changes to implement these changes for recommendation to the Executive Committee.

By a split vote, the Executive Committee referred back for further study a dispute over whether funds from an estate, known as the Sheppard estate, are being used as the donor intended. Duke McCall, president of South-

ern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, contended the income of a trust with the Southern Baptist Foundation from the Sheppard estate was meant for Southern Seminary.

The Executive Committee's program subcommittee had decided, before the larger committee referred it back, that the current use of the funds by the SBC Education Commission to provide scholarships for teachers meets legal requirements of the will.

Bangladesh Needs Overwhelm - - -

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were thinking of forming a "house church" for worship, prayer and fellowship.

Statistics were heard telling of "marvelous growth among certain groups in India and Bangladesh," Hill said. "This conference allowed all present to see that indeed God has been at work here for a long time."

The Bible Way correspondence school recently held a camp, during which 10 young men made professions of faith.

In Feni, the victory came in the form of a Christmas love feast. The number attending was triple

Dr. Bryson Accepts Church In Alabama

Dr. Harold T. Bryson has resigned at First Church, Carthage, in order to accept the pastorate of Eastdale Church, Montgomery, Ala., effective March 17. He had been pastor at Carthage for five years.

Dr. Bryson served on the Executive Committee of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board for four years and as president of the MBCB for one year. Also he has served as second vice-president of the Mississippi Baptist Convention.

Born at Baldwin, he received the B.A. degree from Mississippi College and Doctor of Theology degree from New Orleans Seminary. He and his wife, Judith, have two sons.

Eastdale Church, Montgomery, though only one year old, has 604 members.

that of last year, a total of 84 came. There is no church in Feni and none in the Noakhali district where Feni is located. This dinner might be remembered as a beginning, according to missionary Mrs. James E. Young.

"Noakhali was notorious for its lodging of crooks," Mrs. Young said. "We, like other people who live here, rarely tell another that we're from Feni without getting some comment or look of amazement."

Now Feni has a growing Christian Fellowship and the Lord is, according to Mrs. Young, transplanting his people into the area.

In Comilla, missionary R. T. Buckley is among Rotarians helping in relief work. He is also aiding the Salvation Army in building houses. The real chance to witness, Buckley says, comes not in talking to the people you are helping, but in talking to those with whom you are working. Building houses affords Buckley a still longer association with the people around him.

"Pray that we will always have the correct balance," Hill said. "Oh, God, The need is so great, but help us never to lose sight of the need of the soul for the cleansing of the blood of Jesus Christ."

H. E. Ingraham Dies

H. E. Ingraham, retired director of the service division for the Baptist Sunday School Board, died recently in Nashville, of a heart attack at age 76. He was an employee of the Sunday School Board for 43 years. He went there in 1922 and retired in 1968.

First, Sumrall Commends Deacon

First Church, Sumrall, Rev. Don Nerren, pastor, has adopted a resolution of appreciation for the years of service given by Calvin O. Beasley to "his church and association, to the Baptist denomination and to his Lord."

Mr. Beasley, lifetime employee with Mississippi Power Company, moved to Sumrall more than a third of a century ago. He immediately joined First Baptist Church there, and has been active in all parts of its work, serving as trustee and deacon.

In Lamar County Association he has been clerk and member of the Executive Committee for 19 of the 26 years since the organization of the association, perhaps giving more time and traveling more miles in performance of his duties as an official of the association than any other person.

The resolution commended Mr. Beasley for "his clean moral life, his character, his Christian citizenship and his participation in the civic activities of the community."

Revival Dates

First, Isola: March 9-14; Rev. Marvin Bibb, pastor at Mathiston and former pastor at Isola, evangelist; Raleigh McGowan, music director at First, Greenwood, singer; Rev. Jerald L. Welch, pastor; Homecoming Day on March 9, with special activities planned; members, friends, former pastors invited; services during week at 10 a.m. and 7 p.m.

Lakeview, Leland: youth - led revival; Feb. 28 - March 2; services at 7:30 p.m.; youth team from Baptist Student Union of Mississippi Delta Junior College; Paul Blanchard - preacher, Bruce Morgan - song leader; Thad Prichard - musician; singing group. The New Jerusalem Railroad, will have charge of evening service March 2; Rev. Charles Everett, pastor.

Wahalak (Kemper): Feb. 28, March 1 and 2; services at 7 p.m. and on Sunday at 11; Rev. Tommy Anderson, pastor, Hopewell (Newton) evangelist; Special singers each service; Rev. Ronnie Bullard, pastor.

First, Batesville: March 2 - 7; Rev. James Fancher, evangelist, Jackson, preaching; Lateral Harrelson, Southland Church, Memphis, music minister; services noon each day and 7:15 p.m.; Rev. Robert Self, pastor.

MADRID, Spain - A study of mission strategy highlighted a three day mid year mission meeting here recently. It was reported that the ratio of baptisms in Spain was 1:15 for 1974, as compared to 1:19 in 1973.

"To Know Christ And Make Him Known" Theme For Queens' Court '75

Queens' Court is a special weekend - a weekend designed for those Acteens who have completed the level of Queen or above in Studact (the individual achievement plan for Acteens). This event, planned for March 7-9 at Camp Garaywa, will be directed by Marilyn Hopkins, State Acteens director.

Queens' Court will begin with supper at 6:30 on Friday evening and will conclude with lunch on Sunday, March 9. Registration will begin at 3 on Friday afternoon, March 7.

One special guest for Queens' Court will be Beverly Sutton, Acteens Consultant, Woman's Missionary Union, SBC.

Rev. and Mrs. Bobby Hood, music missionaries to Argentina, will share ways in which they have been able to help make Christ known as they serve in a foreign country.

An introduction to the world of Baptist Young Women - the organization for young women 18-29 - will be presented by Mrs. Bob Wilson of Parkway, Jackson, in the conference, "After Acteens What?"

"Acteens leaders are especially invited to attend Queens' Court with their Acteens members," said Miss Hopkins, "and special conferences will be offered for those leaders who attend."



Jackson Choir, Orchestra To Present Third Performance Of "Alleluia!"

"A third presentation of 'Alleluia!', a 'praise gathering for believers,' will be presented by the 200-voice Sanctuary Choir of First Church, Jackson and a 30-piece orchestra. The performance will begin at 7 p.m. in the church sanctuary on February 27. The work, by Bill and Gloria Galtner and Ronn Huff, involves choir, orchestra, soloists, narration and congregation according to director Larry Black. Soloists pictured for the performance of 'Alleluia!' are Jim Hankins, Mrs. Larry Black and Al Doty. Other soloists are to include Gayle Parks, Fulton Jordan, Jr., Mrs. Bill Herm and Clyde Cranford. Dr. Joe McKeever, pastor of First Church, Columbus, will be the narrator.

Lay Renewal Evangelism

By Elmer Howell
Brotherhood Director

The first phase of the journey into lifestyle evangelism and ministry is an investigation of the meaning and the implication of renewal.

A church desiring to experience lay renewal evangelism would be assigned a consultant (associate) who would counsel with the pastor and other leaders and workers in the church regarding the readiness of the church for a lay renewal experience, advising them concerning the various phases of preparation and materials needed for a Lay Renewal Weekend.

The Brotherhood and Evangelism Departments of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board have trained several people who

are serving as approved consultants and coordinators. If a church is contemplating entering into the lay renewal evangelism program, the pastor should contact the Brotherhood Department, P. O. Box 530, Jackson, Miss. 39205, indicating his interest and asking for suggestions about how to continue. When the church settles on a date, materials will be sent from the Brotherhood Commission and a coordinator will be assigned to the church for the Lay Renewal Weekend.

If you have any interest whatsoever, or any questions related to this program, please contact Elmer Howell, Brotherhood Director, P. O. Box 530, Jackson, Miss. 39205.

Kyle Yates Dies At 80 In Waco

WACO, Tex. (BP) - Kyle M. Yates, 80, a Southern Baptist scholar and retired professor, died here.

Yates, a native of Apex, N. C., retired as Bible professor from Baylor University in Waco in 1969, after teaching at the Baptist school since 1956.

He served on the Southern Seminary faculty from 1922-42. In between, he was the pastor of Walnut Street Church, Louisville and Second Church, Houston, Tex.

In 1972, Yates was awarded the annual Texas Baptist Elder Statesman Award. The author of 14 books, he was a member of the committee that produced the Revised Standard Version of the Bible.

He received the doctor of theology degree from Southern Seminary in 1922. And, in 1932, he received a doctor of philosophy degree from the University of Edinburgh, Scotland.

His widow resides in Waco.

Charles King, SBC VP, Hospitalized In Kentucky

LEXINGTON, Ky. (BP) - Charles King, second vice president of the Southern Baptist Convention, is reportedly in critical but stable condition in St. Joseph Hospital here suffering from a stroke.

King, 79, pastor of Corinthian Baptist Church, Frankfort, Ky., and former first vice president of the Kentucky Baptist Convention, is the first black person elected as a national officer in the 130-year history of the Southern Baptist Convention.

EL PASO, Texas - The Baptist Spanish Publishing House Mission (organization of Southern Baptist missionaries) met recently and approved the 1975 budget of more than \$925,000.

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EDITORIAL

Herein Is Hope

When the Southern Baptist Convention was organized in 1845 it immediately established two mission boards, a foreign mission board, and one to work in America. The latter was given the name "Board of Domestic Missions," and later was renamed the Home Mission Board.

For 130 years the Home Mission Board has been at work in our nation, and under its direction many thousands of missionaries have carried the message of Christ to every corner of the nation. At the present time more than 2200 missionaries are serving under its ministry.

Each March under the leadership of the Woman's Missionary Union, Southern Baptist churches observe a Week of Prayer for Home Missions, studying about and praying for the Home Mission work. In addition to this they make a special offering for Home Missions to provide extra funds for the board in its work. In recent years this has been called the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering for Home Missions.

The offering goal for this year is \$8,500,000, and the theme is "Herein Is Hope." As related in the news story concerning the week of pray-

er in last week's issue, this theme is based upon the statement in Romans 12:12 "Rejoicing in hope... continuing instant in prayer."

The goal for this year is almost \$400,000 more than was received last year, but leaders believe that Southern Baptists are enough concerned about getting the message of Christ to the many in America who so desperately need it, that they will give enough to more than meet the goal. Only as it is met and surpassed, can all of the work that the board needs to do and has projected to do, actually be accomplished.

In a day when so many have lost hope, and feel that the world and our nation face a hopeless situation, we as Christians know that hope centers in Christ, and that in Him no situation is hopeless. This makes it imperative that Southern Baptists continue to spread the message of Christ, establish churches, strengthen those already established, and continue to witness of Christ to men all across the nation. We must press on in proclaiming the good news of the gospel to the multitudes who do not ordinarily come under the influence of most of our churches. These include the

minority groups, the language groups, the people in the ghetto areas of the great cities, those in the so called "pioneer areas" where Southern Baptist work is comparatively new and the churches are few, those in sparsely settled rural areas, and in numerous other similar areas. The Southern Baptist Convention has laid upon the Home Mission Board the responsibility for leading in these ministries, and it has, through the years, done a commendable job in it. Today its task is greater than ever before, and its needs are larger than they ever have been. The Home Mission Board budget for 1976 is \$21,570,000, and this special offering of \$8,500,000 is almost 40% of that. This underscores the importance of the offering. If the goal is not reached, some of the work cannot be done.

Millions of people in America need the message of hope which is found only in Christ. Each of us as Southern Baptists can give many of them opportunity to know of that hope, by worthy support of this special offering. Last year Mississippi Baptists gave \$443,345 in this Easter offering, and WMU leaders hope to go beyond that this time.

"I Was A Stranger And Ye Took Me In"

Our Lord laid many responsibilities upon His churches. Among them was the preaching of the Word, proclaiming the gospel, sharing in spreading the message of Christ through mission support, assembling for worship, teaching the Word, training the Christians, etc. One very important task was ministry, the work of caring for the needs of their own constituency, and also of those about them. All too often the story of activities in this latter area are unrecorded. They do not show up in the statistical reports. Yet, in many cases, they may be among the most important things the churches do.

In recent days I have had opportunity to observe a church which is taking seriously its responsibility in ministering, and I want to report on what I saw. As I considered what the pastor and congregation were doing I remembered the words of our Lord in Matthew 25. "I was a stranger and ye took me in."

A man and his wife, ready for retirement, along with the woman's aged mother who is blind, moved to

the Arkansas community of Dardanelle, a town of approximately 3,000 people in the Arkansas River valley, about 75 miles northwest of Little Rock.

The wife was ill when they moved, and her condition rapidly grew worse. She was able to attend the First Baptist Church just one time, although the husband went as often as he could. As soon as they became established in the community the church began to minister to them. The pastor and others visited their home. The husband joined the church and the wife and her mother were received in absentia. Immediately a deacon became their sponsor. He visited regularly to check on their needs, and kept in close contact with them.

When the aged mother had to be left alone while the couple went to another state for a medical examination, the church cared for her, checking on her several times daily, bringing her meals, etc. The pastor and other staff members visited the home almost daily to counsel with and pray with them and offer assistance as the wife's illness was becoming more serious. When the terminal time ap-

proached, the lady had to enter the hospital. As it became apparent that death was only hours or days away, the church kept a 24 hour vigil at the hospital, to be with the members of the family, and near the one who was so ill. Many of those who shared in this had never met her, but in Christian love they gave their devotion and care.

When death finally came, the church even increased its attention to the family. Food was provided, and many other things were done. Never have I seen a deeper expression of Christian love. Never have I seen a pastor and people give themselves more unreservedly in a ministry to people. Yet it was to a family who were little more than newcomers. They had lived in the community less than three months. They were "strangers" who were "taken in" by a Baptist church.

I know about it, and of what it meant, because the lady who was ill was my sister, and the aged blind woman was my mother. I shall ever be grateful for the Christian ministry of a Baptist pastor and church. This is an example of a ministry which probably often is given, but seldom is reported.

NEWEST BOOKS

State Pastor Writes Outstanding New Book On The Holy Spirit

(Many books on the Holy Spirit, especially as related to matters such as baptism of the Holy Spirit, tongues, etc., have appeared in recent months. Theologians and writers are taking a serious look at the issue, since it is creating problems in various denominations. People want to know the true Bible teaching on the subject, and it is being given serious study. Two of the best books yet to appear have just reached the bookstores. We recommend both of them. One of them is by a Mississippi pastor, Dr. Robert L. Hamblin of Tupelo; the other is a compilation of articles by several men, some of whom are well known in the state. — editor)

THE SPIRIT FILLED TRAUMA by Robert L. Hamblin (Broadman, 170 pp., paper, \$3.50) Dr. Hamblin, who is pastor of Harrisburg Church, Tupelo, and has been very active in Mississippi Baptist affairs, has written one of the finest books yet to appear on the problems related to the Holy Spirit's ministry which are confronting the churches today. In a scholarly manner, yet in a form of writing that is much like pulp preaching, he carefully examines the Scripture revelation concerning the Holy Spirit and His ministry, the spiritual experiences of the churches through Christian history, and the "traumatic" problems arising because of claims concerning the Holy Spirit today. His introductory chapter reveals the confusion which now exists. Carefully he studies this in the light of the New Testament revelation, and shows that this is not the first time in Christian history that such confusion has arisen. He gives splendid exposition of what the Bible really teaches concerning tongues, "baptism of the Holy Spirit", etc., and explains what is happening today, and what is wrong with some of the extravagant claims. He points up the Bible's solution that the Spirit's best gift is that of love. This is a must book

for those who are seeking to fully understand what is happening in the Christian world right now, and how to deal with it as it touches our churches. The book will help the pastor and church leaders to find solutions to problems which are being raised.

IS THE WHOLE BODY A TONGUE?

Edited by Don W. Hillis (Baker, 109 pp., paper, \$2.95) Nine outstanding theologians, preachers and Bible teachers, have contributed to this splendid volume, which deals specifically with the "tongues" problem which is disturbing Christianity, and many individual churches, including some Baptist churches, today. This book faces the issue squarely, without any hesitation, and gives positive answers. The writers clearly show that the Bible does not teach that "tongues" are a sign of the "baptism of the Holy Spirit." Every passage on tongues in the New Testament is carefully examined, and it is clearly shown that they do not teach what the "tongues" movement claims. The writers show from the writings of the Charismatic group itself, that more emphasis is placed upon "experience" than upon sound exposition of the Scriptures. The writers give an explanation of what is happening today, and show how it should be dealt with. The final chapter gives suggestions to both the glossologists (tongue speakers) and the non-glossologists, as to how they can walk together in fellowship if they are really interested in winning lost people to Christ. This is an outstanding book, one of the most helpful yet to appear on the subject of tongues itself. We recommend it to those who are seeking to find answers to the problems being confronted today.

DON'T BE AFRAID TO DIE by Gladys M. Hunt (Zondervan, paper, \$1.25, 118 pp.) A realistic look at death.

PAUL AND HIS TEACHINGS

by Fred L. Fisher (Broadman, 160 pp., \$5.25) For nearly thirty years the author has been teaching New Testament Interpretation, six years at Hardin-Simmons University in Texas and since 1952 at Golden Gate Seminary in Mill Valley, California. The book on "Paul and His Teachings" is a sequel to one published in 1972 under the title "Jesus and His Teachings." He discusses Paul as a Jew, as a convert, and as the Christian. In the second part, he discusses Paul's doctrinal conflict with the Judaizers, and shows his great presentation of salvation by grace and life in Christ. In the third section the question of the conflict with the Gnostics is discussed and Paul's clear presentation of Christ is revealed. The author has made a study in depth of these great teachings, but brings them out in the open which such clarity that all readers will find a new understanding of the New Testament truths as presented by the greatest of the apostles.

SUNRISE ON THE WABASH

by A. Ronald Tonks (State Convention of Baptists in Indiana, 160 pp., \$2.75) This is the story of the work of Southern Baptists in the state of Indiana. The Baptist beginnings at the time when the state was settled and the contributions of Baptists to the work there in the early years is followed. The controversies which divided Baptists in the early days are clearly presented. Southern Baptist beginnings are shown and also the manner in which Southern Baptist work spread across the state is clearly followed. The convention was formed in 1858 and has had a steady growth since that time. The book is illustrated with pictures of many individuals who had a part in the growth of Southern Baptist witness in this great state of the North. A splendid addition to the historical record being written concerning Southern Baptists.



GOD PRESENTS A WAY TO HIMSELF

THE BAPTIST FORUM

Victim Of Burglary Praises Pastor

Dear Sir:

If I could, I would tell my story all over the world, about the wonderful things my minister Dr. Wesley Ellis, and assistant minister Arnold Bridges, of Handsboro Church have done for me.

On September 17, 1974, I got up in the night and walked into the arms of a burglar. He was as surprised as I, but threw me onto the floor and took my wallet and \$400. Because this money was for house payments, my home was repossessed and my electricity cut off and phone taken out. My husband and I moved to another little house that feels like home because God's love and understanding is there.

On December 21, I fell in the hallway and am now in bed most of the time with a brace from spine to shoulder. This wonderful church at Handsboro, the pastor and members, have brought food and clothes for me, and gave us a nice Christmas. This is the Baptist way of giving and showing God's wonderful love.

Mrs. Norman Lopez
P. O. Box 6486
Handsboro, MS 39051

(Note: Dr. Ellis and his family were honored by Handsboro Church on Pastor Appreciation Day, January 12.)

Young Brazilian Enroute To Mississippi

Dear Sir:

On his clothing there was written above his left hand jacket pocket, "Youth For Understanding." We were standing in the airport as I observed a woman trying to get him in the line with his ticket. I said to the woman, "Don't worry. I'll look after him and get him on the right plane."

What a delight it was to meet Alvaro MacKnight of Campinas, in the state of Sao Paulo, Brazil. His home is about eight miles north and west of Sao Paulo, a city of five million. Alvaro spoke very little English, but fluent Portuguese and I speak very little Spanish but together we tried to communicate. He had flown the night before from Sao Paulo to Caracas, Venezuela to Dallas. He told me about his father being a structural engineer and that he died in 1966, that he had a brother twenty, a sister sixteen and that he was fifteen years of age. He is to spend six months in the United States with Mr. and Mrs. Privett of Meridian, Mississippi.

He asked me if I was an engineer and I told him no and handed him my card indicating the fact that I am superintendent of the Louisiana Baptist Children's Home. He said he was "Catholic" and I told him that I was Baptist. We talked about some things concerning our churches. When I inquired if there was a Baptist Church in his town he said, "Yes there is one and they have many 'reunions'." I immediately knew what he was saying. It must be a typical Baptist Church. There is always some sort of meeting going on there. I like his word "reunion" for what is more indicative of Baptist people than having a Christian fellowship reunion.

The statement, "beauty is in the eye of the beholder," was certainly true here. He was a beautiful, fine, courteous young man. How I wished that he might have been spending six months in my home. I do not know Mr. and Mrs. Privett but I want to thank them for letting Alvaro live in their home for six months and go to school here in America.

Sincerely yours,
Wade B. East, Supt.
La. Baptist Children's Home
Monroe, La.

Light for Living

Chester E. Swor

They Who See God

"Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God," does not mean only that they shall see God eventually; it means, also, that they shall see Him here and now in a thousand ways and experiences in which the impure heart does not see Him.

Slipping almost from the sublime to the ridiculous, we recall the words of a popular number of the 1960's: "On a clear day you can see forever." In other words, one's capacity to see anything is determined by the presence or absence of obscuring factors between the observer and the observed. Since the Christian "sees" God through his heart, whatever defiles the Christian's heart diminishes his capacity to see God in daily events and in the world about him.

Jealousy, envy, covetousness, resentment, spite, false pride, malice, or hate in the human heart toward other people will make virtually impossible our seeing God-likeness in other people's lives. We shall misinterpret even their humility, their acts of Christian service, and even their devoutness as being hypocritical or means to a selfish end. Utter selfishness in the heart will make impossible one's seeing anything except "fanaticism" in the lives of people who are living sacrificial lives of Christian commitment. Lust in the individual's heart makes impossible his seeing God-given spiritual charm and beauty in the life of a beautiful woman; he sees her only from a lustful motive.

In a youth banquet, following our astronaut's flight around the moon in December of 1968, one of the astronauts said of the Russian astronaut who had reported that he had seen no evidence of God during his orbital flight: "I doubt if he could see God on the ground either. We see what we want to see. We see goodness only if we look for it. And we see God when we look for Him; and if we don't look, we don't see Him."

Adding to the splendid truth expressed by the astronaut, we may say, "When we look for God, the clarity with which we shall see Him will depend upon the purity of the hearts through which we look." With a search that cuts and cleans, all of us may wisely look into our hearts to see what impurities are being harbored there, remembering that if we want to see God, we must look through pure hearts, for only the pure in heart shall see God!

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Russell and Annette Herrington at the Spanish Language Institute in San Jose, Costa Rica, where they have just graduated.



Rob and Roman Herrington climb the fence with a neighboring MK.



Russell and Annette Herrington, on their patio in San Jose.

Mississippians Graduate From Spanish Language School

By Anne Washburn McWilliams
Sixth In A Series

My arrival in Costa Rica's capital coincided with the preparations for year-end graduation exercises at the Spanish Language Institute. In San Jose, a banquet was planned that night and another party the following Tuesday night. Mississippians Russell and Annette Herrington were to be among the graduates. Russell had been student body president for the last of the 14-week trimesters, and Annette was to play the organ for graduation exercises the next Friday night. Both had already taken their oral exams, and written ones were to be encountered in a couple of days. Then they would officially begin work as music missionaries to Costa Rica.

At the airport I found them at the top of the stairs. I had come, I told them, to talk about their year in language school. What was the school like? Where did they live? Who looked after the children? What had frustrated them most this year? What had given them most joy?

It was 12:30 then. In Spanish they arranged with the proper authorities that I should leave my passport at the air terminal and pick it up when I came back to board the 6:30 plane to Panama. Annette talked with her hands, I noticed, like a true Latin.

For a close-up of the language institute, we followed the Pan-American Highway which crosses the city and splits the campus in half. On one side of the busy road I saw the administration building behind a stone fence and a row of cypress trees. Directly across from it was the classroom building, a rambling old frame structure. Construction of a new campus had begun, and then been slowed by a cement shortage, I was told.

Since we'd had no lunch we stopped at Pollos Fritos Kentucky, next door. "This is where we go for coffee breaks," Annette said.

"You see these metal posts along the streets?" Russell asked. "Well, it is said that if you stick them into the ground they will sprout! Anything will turn green in this fertile soil."

"Rich coast" indeed! Columbus named it well.

Missionaries appointed to Spanish America spend one year in language study and orientation at the Spanish Language Institute in San Jose. "Usually there are about 150 enrolled, from 25 to 30 different mission boards or sending bodies," Russell explained, "but during the fall trimester of 1974 a record 260 registered, with 29 of those Southern Baptist missionaries. At one point this year, 44 denominations were represented."

The Institute helps to guide new missionaries in their entrance into a new culture, as they seek to become more effective instruments for proclaiming the Gospel. It is set up as a non-profit religious association, made up of individuals from the evangelical community of Costa Rica. Southern Baptist Missionary Sydney Goldfinch is at present the acting director.

"All the teaching is done in Spanish," Annette said, "by Latin American teachers. All the classes are small — no more than five — for easier conversation. Husbands and wives are in different classes, because they might feel self-conscious practicing Spanish in earshot of each other."

"In the capital city of one of the most democratic, cultured, and peace-loving countries of the hemisphere, the Institute is at a crossroads of communication between North and South America." I read in the school's catalogue. "It provides excellent opportunity for orientation for any part of the Spanish-speaking world. San Jose at 3800 feet boasts

a climate of eternal spring and a population of over half a million."

"It was December 28, 1973, when we left the States to come here," Russell said. "It was very cold there. Then next day it was warm enough to go swimming here."

"That was a long day," Annette remembered. "From four in the morning until 10 that night, we rode on five planes. We said goodbye to my parents and three brothers in Nashville and to Russ's mother and father and teen-age sister in Mississippi. One of our boys was sick on the plane. By the end of the day we were worn out, physically and emotionally." (Her father, Mr. Horton, is an executive with Min-it-Mart stores; Russell's father, Dr. R. A. Herrington, is superintendent of missions, Winston County, Ms. and lives at Louisville.)

Leaving the institute, we drove to the Lourdes section of the city where the Herringtons were renting a house near homes of other students. Streets here were named for countries, as Chile, Ecuador, Venezuela.

"All year we have been riding the bus to church and school," Russell said, "since language students do not own cars." Graduation was near though and they had just obtained a Volkswagen van.

"We've found the house where we hope to move after graduation," Annette told me with enthusiasm. "It's near the airport and near the Alajuela Church where we've been worshipping all year. Alajuela is the largest Baptist church in the city." Recently they had 462 in Sunday School, a record attendance for Sunday Schools in Costa Rica. Though the country's population is 90 per cent Catholic, basic liberties are respected, and there is an openness toward Christian work in general.

The Herrington boys, Rob and Roman, were playing on a fence beside their house, with another missionary's son. That afternoon they had stayed with Elia, the maid who has been working for language students ten years. Most of the students hire maids at reasonable salaries to cook, clean, and care for the children so both parents can study Spanish.

"We like her Costa Rican specialty of arroz con pollo," Russell said. "This is chicken with rice, peas, and carrots. Usually she serves this with tortillas and coffee, and a fruit salad dessert of papaya, pineapple, mangos, and bananas."

The little MKs brought in a bunch of green bananas. "One thing I've enjoyed here is being able to grow my own bananas," Russell laughed. "There's an orange tree in the yard, too. And we like to watch the coffee pickers in the grove across the street."

While we ate ice cream, Roman showed us his Sesame Street Magazine, gift subscription from a grandmother. Age four, he has been attending the nursery school operated for children of students at the language institute. Rob, nearly six, has finished kindergarten and in March will enter the Abraham Lincoln School that has all grades in English and Spanish. Does March seem to be an unusual month to start to school? The long vacation from November to March gives some students a chance to pick coffee.

"Our greatest frustration in the beginning was not being able to communicate in the language of the people," Russell said. "One evening, about a month after we came, we were eating supper when we saw flames shooting up from the house across the street. We dashed across to warn the people, but in the excitement could not think of the Spanish words for 'fire' or 'get out.' Somehow we managed to get them out and the firemen came in time to save the house."

Annette was busily counting the tops from a pair of old socks and wrapping them in a gift box. "This is the present we're giving our Little Brother, Winston McNeil, at the Big Brother Banquet tonight," she grinned. "During our between-trimesters vacation we went to the beach at Puntarenas with the McNeil — the Mission owns a cabin there. He sunburned nowhere except on the tops of his feet!"

Students already in the institute serve as Big Brothers and correspond with prospective students, meet them at the airport, help them in many ways during their first weeks in Costa Rica. Their own Big Brother had been Clive Buttemere.

Leaving the house we visited the University Baptist Church and

the student center it operates, and then went to the Baptist Center, a focal point for Baptist life. The Baptist Center building houses the theological institute, Baptist Book Store, and the offices of the Mission and the Costa Rica Baptist Convention. In a few weeks, Russell and Annette would begin teaching music here at the Baptist Theological Institute.

"We are so happy in Costa Rica that I almost feel guilty," Annette said. "Just to live in the Garden of the Americas is a dream come true. Yet this country was the place that most needed a music missionary at the time of our appointment."

They were appointed in Mobile in April, 1973. That summer at Ridgcrest they sang duets dur-

ing Foreign Mission Week and WMU Week. In the fall they went to Callaway Gardens for orientation and thence to language school.

Russell was a "preacher's kid" born near Union, Mississippi. Annette Horton of Rome, Georgia moved to Jackson while Russell's father was pastor at Temple, Jackson, and lived in Jackson just long enough to meet her future husband. Both graduated from Mississippi College and she taught public school music while he was in Northwestern Seminary. He was minister of music for churches in Jackson, Plain and Durant, MS, and in Texas and Alabama.

We were back at the airport in time to buy a small souvenir ox-

cart, with the painted wheels so often seen in the country. As I walked through the gate to the awaiting jet, I thought of the many decorative iron gateways that lead into fascinating Latin American homes and buildings, gateways that invite to an understanding of a different way of life and beckon the outsider to enter. I thought of the Spanish Language Institute's claim that the gateway of the Spanish languages, so beautifully wrought, is the principal way into the souls of the millions who speak it as their mother tongue.

I turned to wave to the Herringtons. Very soon then I was looking down on the red rooftops of Costa Rica as they rapidly dwindled into the distance.

Many Missionary Kids Enrolled In State's Colleges

By Barbara Taylor

Missionary kids are children of Southern Baptist missionaries — whether they are on the field with their parents or in the States attending college.

MKs are really "leaving home" when they come to the States for college rather than "coming home" for college — for the country in which they've grown up is in a very real sense home for the majority of MKs.

Because of this, these young men and women have to learn once more, as they did during previous furlough years, the current "fads" or "styles" in the States. The periods between furloughs allows time for changes in all areas of life.

MK Debbie Trott, of Brazil, a

student at Mississippi College, recently said, "At one time, I thought the United States could never be home for me; but because of the love and concern of Christian friends, I know now that it can become my home."

MKs who are now in colleges in Mississippi are:

CLARKE COLLEGE: Ellen Mayhall, Box 706, Clarke College, Newton, Ms. 39345.

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Ms. 39058; and Rachel S. Wilson, Box 4792, Clinton, Ms. 39058.

MISSISSIPPI STATE UNIVERSITY: James P. Gilbert, Jr., Box 4890, MSU, Mississippi State, Ms. 39762; Patricia A. Gilbert, Box 4890, MSU, Mississippi State, Ms. 39762.

UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN MISS.: Paul Hartfield, Box 182-D Route 5, Hattiesburg, Ms. 39401; Mary Hollifield, Box 2406, USM, Hattiesburg, Ms. 39401; Elizabeth Williams, Route 2, Box 66, Columbia, Ms. 39429.

WILLIAM CAREY COLLEGE: David Davis, Box 771, WCC, Hattiesburg, Ms. 39401; Charles A. Moore, P. O. Box 471, William Carey College, Hattiesburg, Ms. 39401; and Mary Anne Smith, William Carey College, Hattiesburg, Ms. 39401.



Drive The Cold Winter Away

All hail to the days that merit more praise
Than all the rest of the year,
And welcome the nights that double delights,
As well for the poor as the peer!
Good fortune attend each merry man's friend,
That doth bid the best that he may;
Forgetting old wrongs, with carols and songs,
To drive the cold winter away.

This time of the year is spent in good cheer,
And neighbors together do meet,
To sit by the fire, with friendly desire,
Each other in love to greet;
Old grudges forgot and are put in the pot,
And sorrows aside they lay,
The old and the young doth carol his song,
To drive the cold winter away.

—Anonymous

The Web

A spider spun a silken web across the corner of the room,
A perfect pattern, interlaced; how patiently he crossed the loom,
As hour by hour, all night he toiled;
And yet, in one swift stroke I spoiled
His masterpiece, his refuge—with the broom.

I spun a golden cord of love across the heartstrings of a friend,
Of kind regard and tender grace, a web I thought too strong to rend.
And yet, one day I did not heed
One careless word, one thoughtless deed
That broke the web, which time alone can mend.

—Author Unknown



WINTER by W. J. Shayer, 1883, from the engraving by C. R. Stock

SCRAPBOOK

Bed At Kelscott

The wind's on the wold
And the night is a-cold,
And Thames runs chill
Twixt mead and hill;
But kind and dear
Is the old house here,
And my heart is warm
Midst winter's harm.

Rest, then, and rest,
And think of the best
Twixt summer and spring

I am old and have seen
Many things that have been—
Both grief and peace
And wane and increase.
No tale I tell
Or ill or well,
But this I say:
Night treadeth on day,
And for worst or best
Right good is rest.

—William Morris
(1834-1896)

Low Temperature

The lowest temperature in North America, —81 degrees Fahrenheit, was officially recorded at Snag in the Yukon Territory of Canada near the Alaskan border in February 1947.
Siberia claims the world's lowest reading, —90 degrees Fahrenheit, in 1892 and again in 1933. Lower readings have been reported unofficially.

The English Book

The English book lies on the desk;
even now
open to pages 178 and 9
—with the pencil in between
just like it was left
when he went out for recess
and never came back.
To this day, no one has touched
the book—

Some things are sacred.
—Mark E. Leggett

Winter Wind

On the wind of January
Down flits the snow,
Traveling from the
frozen North
As cold as it can blow.
Poor robin redbreast,
Look where he comes;
Let him in to feel
your fire,

And toss him of
your crumbs.
—Christina Rossetti
(1830-1894)

February

Anglo-Saxons knew February as the "mire-month." Italians have a proverb that February, although the shortest month in the year, is also the worst. An English rhyme runs:
If February give much snow
A finer Summer it doth foreshow.

Names In The News

Cheri Brown, Mississippi's Junior Miss, is a member of Highland Church, Meridian. Her pastor, Rev. J. C. Hamilton, has presented to her an inscribed Bible as a gift from the church.



THE MISSISSIPPI CONNECTION—A group of Southern Baptist missionaries with Mississippi connections were photographed during a recent workshop detailing the use of radio and television on the mission field. Attending the workshop, at the Radio and Television Commission in Fort Worth were (second from left) Donald H. Redmon of Yazoo City, assigned to Costa Rica; John Wilkes, former pastor of East Corinth Church, assigned to Paris, France; L. Wayne Frederick of Tupelo, living in Jackson during furlough from his assignment to the French West Indies, and John I. Jacobs of Newton, assigned to Guyana. Commission staffers, conducting the workshop were Dr. Fred Laughon (left), special assistant to the Commission president, and Jerry Pillow (right), vice president, marketing services.—Radio-TV Commission Photo by Bonita Sparrow

Easthaven Church (Lincoln) has called **Randy Grin** as minister of music and youth. He is a junior student at Mississippi College, majoring in Music.

Bobby and Sue Hood, missionaries on furlough from Argentina, and their children, Lauri and Bryan, are still living in Columbia, MS. They moved there last July to occupy the mission home of First Church. In September, when it became evident that they could not return immediately to Argentina, Mr. Hood was invited to join the staff of First Church as associate pastor with primary responsibilities in the area of Music. Dr. H. H. Aultman is pastor.

Wayne McCollough, a junior at William Carey, has been called by Fairfield Church, Jones County, as minister of music. The church recently bought a new organ and piano. Rev. J. F. Sumner, Jr. is pastor at Fairfield.

Roger Lee has been licensed to the gospel ministry by Shivers Church. Employed at Broadhead Lumber Company, Mendenhall, he can be reached for supply preaching at 847-1901. His wife, the former Margaret Farmer, is the county health nurse for Simpson County. They have four children. Rev. Nelson Fortenberry is the Shivers pastor.

Jimmy T. Smith, Jr. has been licensed to the gospel ministry by Antioch Church (Lowndes). A native of Lannett, Ala., he is presently serving in the United States Air Force stationed at Columbus. He plans to attend Blue Mountain College beginning with the fall semester. He is married to the former Tibethia Benefield, and has a daughter, Alicia, 16 months.

Friendship Church (Pike) has elected five new deacons; James Earl White, J. A. Garner, Robert E. Weber, Billy Joe McCulley and Hugh L. Jackson. An ordination service is scheduled for March 2, at 2 p.m. Rev. Curtis Williams, pastor of Central Church, McComb, will bring the charge to the deacons; Rev. Glen Schilling, pastor of Friendship Church, will bring the charge to the church. The new deacons and their wives will be honored with a banquet on March 1.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Riddell, missionaries to Chile, have completed furlough and returned to the field (address: Casilla 16402, Correo 9, Santiago, Chile). The former Virgie Therrell of Mississippi, she was born in Meridian.

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Frederick H. Kirkland, son of Mr. and Mrs. B. H. Kirkland of Panama City, Fla., recently completed requirements for the master of divinity (M.Div.) degree at New Orleans Seminary. He is currently serving as pastor of Arlington Church in Bogie Chitto, Miss. He is married to the former Sandra Louis Sessions of Pace, Fla.

Dr. and Mrs. Raymond L. Odle, recently employed as missionary associates to Yemen, have arrived on the field (address: Box 4404, Taiz, Yemen). Both from Illinois, he is a native of West Frankfort and she is the former Mildred Peebles of Carlinville. Before they were employed by the Foreign Mission Board in 1974, he had a dental practice in Rockford, Ill. (Dr. Odle is a third cousin of Dr. Joe T. Odle, editor of the Baptist Record.)



Deacon 60 Years

Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Dowdy, pictured, have been members of Shady Grove Church, Pontotoc County, for 62 years and he has been a deacon there for 60 years. At present, he is a senior deacon. The plaque he is holding was recently presented by the chairman of deacons, Dewitt Swords.



Rev. James Edwards, pastor, right, Friendship Church, Columbus, in recent ceremonies presented a certificate of license to preach, to James Rex Fields, left. Rex is the son of James Murrell Fields, and the grandson of Mrs. Cora Mae Runkle, both of Columbus.

Eastside, Belzoni (Humphreys) recently ordained Rev. Wiley Abel to the gospel ministry. Mr. Abel is attending Golden Gate Seminary, Mill Valley, California. He is also serving as minister of youth with

Parkway Church Dublin, Calif. Mr. Abel is the son of Mrs. Gladys Abel and the late Joseph L. Abel. His wife Ann is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Kent of Greenwood. Rev. Louis Barmer is the Eastside pastor.

Evangelism Messages Available

Rev. Roy Collum, secretary, Evangelism Department, Mississippi Baptist Convention Board announces that the messages delivered at the recent Evangelism Conference are available on tapes. Any from the following list may be ordered from Rev. Wayne Long, P. O. Box 143, Lambert, MS. 38643.

These are \$2 each:
Dr. J. Sidlow Baxter's message: Feeding the Five Thousand; The Deity of Christ; The Christ of the Gospels Endings; Christian Prayer; The Progress of Doctrine.

Rev. Peter Lord's messages: Rest in God — part 1; Rest in God — part 2.

Dr. Earl Kelly's message: The Secret of the Early Church.

Dr. C. B. Hogue's messages: Sharing His Love; What the Church Needs Now.

Any two of the following messages, \$2.00:

Rev. Leon Young's message: Lifestyle Evangelism.

Rev. Ferrell Cork's message: Church and Sinners.

Rev. Jerry Mixon's message: Motivation for Evangelism.

Dr. J. Roy McComb's message: Essentials for Evangelism.

Rev. James Keith's message: It Takes All Kinds.

Dr. Warren Hultgren's messages: Life Begins at Calvary; Urgent Message for Today.

1st, Waynesboro Announces Concert By Missionary

First Church, Waynesboro will present Marie Martin Jones (Mrs. Mack) in concert on March 1, at 7:30 p. m. in the sanctuary. The concert will be sacred music.

Mrs. Jones will be accompanied at the piano by her sister, Mrs. Lois Staggs. Mrs. Jones and her husband are missionaries to Uruguay. Presently they are on furlough, living in Huntsville, Alabama.

Mrs. Jones, native of Hattiesburg, graduated from University of Southern Mississippi. Later she received the Master of Church Music degree from N. O. Seminary.

Sharon Knight, senior at MSU, and former organist at Waynesboro, will be featured at the piano at various intervals in the program.

Rev. Brooks Barkley, pastor, invites the public.

Pastoral Ministries Workshop Scheduled At 1st, Summit

Pike County Association will host a Pastoral Ministries Workshop on March 10 and 11, at First, Summit. Sessions will be from 1 till 5 p.m. and from 7 till 9 p.m. each day.

Dr. Walter Bennett, Consultant in Pastoral Ministries, Church Administration Department, Baptist Sunday School Board, will be host leader.

There are still openings for ten additional participants and an invitation is extended to pastors from anywhere in the state interested in attending to register by writing Rev. Glen T. Williams, P. O. Box 1100, McComb, Mississippi 39648 or by calling 684-9920. There will be a \$7.00 registration fee to cover cost of materials received at the workshop. "We will be happy to make reservations in the local motels for those who desire to attend but live too far to commute to the workshop," says Mr. Schilling.

This will be a full-scale 12-hour workshop and remaining will be filled on a first-come, first-served basis.

A New Recording

MOLLY AND THE SALT SHAKERS is a new recording produced by Prestige Production Records, Birmingham, Alabama. On Side One, Johnny the Baptist does a little "preaching." On Side Two, the Salt Shakers tell Bible stories. These are the "living dolls" of Molly Fairchild, a ventriloquist and wife of Elven "Al" Fairchild of Moselle. Though delightfully funny, this record also has an evangelistic message behind the fun. It can be obtained from Al and Molly Fairchild, Box 2, Moselle, MS 39459. The Fairchilds are full-time evangelists who present the message of Jesus through visual aids such as puppets, ventriloquism, and magic.

Baptist Young Women/Mission Friends Enlistment Workshops Series Begins



Storey

Shaw

"How do you get people to come to your meetings? The people in my church just aren't interested!"

If this sounds familiar to you, then the Baptist Young Women-Mission Friends Enlistment workshops are just what you need!

The purpose of these meetings is to help Baptist Young Women officers and members and Mission Friends leaders discover new and exciting ways of enlisting young women and preschoolers in the WMU organizations designed for them. Emphasis will also be given to enlisting leaders for the organizations.

Work groups will be participating in activities, sharing projects that have been successful for them, and formulating new enlistment ideas to take back to their churches to use.

Separate workshops for Baptist

Young Women and Mission Friends leaders will be provided during the meetings so that each person will receive specialized attention and information specifically for her age group. Leaders for the groups will be Frances Shaw, State Baptist Young Women Director, and Waudine Storey, State Mission Friends-Girls in Action Director.

Preschool care will be provided at each meeting.

The workshops will begin at 10 a.m. and will conclude at 12 a.m. (No lunch will be provided at the meetings.)

The workshops will be held in each WMU district in the state during the year. The schedule for the first meetings in this series is as follows:

District 5 — March 1 — New Albany, Hillcrest Church

District 9 — March 8 — Clinton, Morrison Heights Church

District 11 — April 26 — Newhebron, First Church

District 2 — May 3 — Waynesboro, First Church

WICHITA, Kan. (BP) — The Kansas - Nebraska Convention of Southern Baptists, for the first time in its 28-year history, has topped the half-million-dollar mark in giving through its state-level Cooperative Program unified budget in 1974.

List Grows For Mississippi Week At Ridgecrest

The reservation list for MISSISSIPPI WEEK AT RIDGECREST, July 12-18, is growing, according to information received from the Mississippi Church Training Department.

Eighteen churches to date have indicated that they have individuals or groups which will be at Ridgecrest Baptist Conference Center for the Church, Training Leadership Conference which is scheduled that week.

Churches which are scheduled to attend Ridgecrest are Parkway, Lee Association; Bay Vista, Gulf Coast Association; First Philadelphia, Neshoba Association; Iuka, Tishomingo Association; Griffin Street, Jackson Association; Eastwood, Sunflower Association; Martin, Union County Association; Eastside, Rankin Association; Sledge, Quitman Association; Mt. Zion, Tate Association; Dublin, Jeff Davis Association; First Jackson, Oak Forest, Northside, Woodland Hills and Parkway, Hinds-Madison Association. Scheduled for Glorieta are Parkway, Adams Association; and Temple, Lebanon Association.

A list of churches making reservations is being kept in the Church

MC BSU To Be On Program At Missions Confab

NEW ORLEANS — "God's Call... My Response" will be the theme for the three-day Student Missions Conference scheduled at New Orleans Seminary March 7-9. Over 350 students from colleges throughout Louisiana, Mississippi, and Alabama are expected to attend the conference.

According to Dr. Paul Stevens, chairman of the conference, the sessions will emphasize ministry through missions.

A contemporary worship service, conducted by Bradley Pope and the Mississippi College Baptist Student Union, will bring the three-day convocation to an end on Sunday morning.



Jog-A-Thon Slated For Carey Students

Two members of the William Carey College chorale, Gordon Alford, left, and Tony Gray, demonstrate the procedure to be followed when the William Carey College chorale members jog all the way to Jackson from Hattiesburg on March 1. The lyre will be passed from one runner to the next as the students use this method to raise funds for chorale's trip to Praisin' '75 to be held in Nashville March 10-13. They hope to arrive in Jackson by 6 p.m., with 28 runners having taken part. (Photo by Ron Dyal)

Training Department office for possible use in providing transportation and also as an aid in promoting the idea of attending on the part of other churches and individuals.

Reservations are available at Ridgecrest for this conference. During this week there will be special conferences for Sunday School directors, teachers, and other workers.

To secure a reservation, mail the Conference Center fee of \$15.00 per person to Ridgecrest Baptist Conference Center, Box 128, Ridgecrest, North Carolina 28770. The program begins Saturday night and concludes Friday at noon.

DALLAS (BP) — For the first time in history, Texas Baptists recorded a \$2-million giving month through the state's Cooperative Program unified budget in January. In the first month of 1975, the churches and missions of the Baptist General Convention of Texas gave \$2,187,593 to the Cooperative Program for use in state, national and worldwide causes.

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March 10-- 7 p.m., First Baptist, Picayune
March 11-- 7 p.m., Second Avenue Baptist, Laurel
March 13-- 7 p.m., Easthaven Baptist, Brookhaven

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7:15 Conferences:

Pastors, Deacons, Church Leaders

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We Have A Revelation—God's Revelation Of Himself

By Wm. J. Fallis
Hebrews 1:1 to 2:9

Twenty-seven years ago a shepherd discovered a cave near the top of a cliff within sight of the western shore of the Dead Sea. In it he found some urns with scrolls in them, which turned out to be various Old Testament books. Later, excavations above the cave revealed the ruins of a Hebrew community that was destroyed in A. D. 68. The people who had lived there in Qumran were a very devout and disciplined Jewish sect. Today, some interpreters feel strongly that the book of Hebrews was written to show how superior Christianity was to even the best of Judaism, represented by the brave and pious people who lived at Qumran. Since that is a possibility, the letter may have been intended for Hellenistic-Jewish Christians who needed a strong sermon on the uniqueness of Christ.

Sunday School Lesson: Life and Work

Tempted But True

By Bill Duncan
Luke 4:1-13

Erwin L. McDonald said, "There were two things I learned to fear early in life—snakes and storms." He learned these fears from his nearest and best childhood friend who had learned them from his father. His friend had told him hair-raising tales about people who had been bitten by diamond rattlers or cottonmouth moccasins and died on the spot. The fear of being blown away in a tornado kept him from getting the greatest enjoyment out of "staying all night" at the friend's house. On many occasions he would be awakened on a summer night with the friend's father saying, "Get up! It's coming a storm."

The childhood friend of Erwin L. McDonald is dead now. As far as he can remember he never got bit by a snake or threatened by a storm. The daddy did a good job in "scaring" the boy about snakes and storms but failed to impress upon him the dangers of taking a few drinks of liquor. While the father was so careful to warn him about nature, he failed to prepare him for temptation. Liquor was responsible for his friend's death. While our society may have accepted alcohol as a way of life, it still is no safer than "rattle-snakes sprayed with perfume."

When a young man leaves home to go to college, very often he is not prepared to face the temptations that confront him. What makes the difference? In Jesus Christ there was a strong enough desire to do right that he refused to satisfy his God-given desires and appetites the wrong way.

Why did the Spirit lead Jesus into the wilderness? The wilderness experience was to strengthen the man through testing. Luke records this way to show us how he triumphed over the temptations as a mere example of what he experienced throughout his life.

The means of deliverance from the devil's temptations are in the area of His human nature. Not once did Jesus call upon His divine power in the struggle. In His resistance to the tempter, He relied upon the power of the Holy Spirit and the power of the Scripture. That which he used to resist the devil is available to us when we are tempted. He submitted Himself unto God, resisted the devil, and he fled from Him (James 4:7).

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The Lesson Explained ONE GREATER THAN PROPHETS (1:1-4)

These four verses in this translation appear as one long sentence, but most present-day translations divide them into two, three, or four sentences, which makes their meaning clearer. In the first verse, the writer gathers up all the work of the Hebrew prophets, who spoke at various times and in differing ways, and pushes it to one side to give him room to say how much greater Jesus was than the prophets. The messages of the centuries had reached a climax "in these last days" in the words of God's Son.

Then in verse 2 the writer begins to describe Jesus' role in God's work. One translator sees in the phrase "appointed heir" the idea of Jesus being the predestined Lord of the universe. But at the beginning of things he was, to use a modern term, the "construction engineer" of creation. From start to finish, he is always at the heart of God's work.

That is a great deal for a Jew

to say about a being who had once been human, but he says even more in verse 3. The very radiance of God shines in Jesus, and he "bears the very stamp" of God's nature. The Greek word translated "stamp" (RSV) and "image" in the King James Version is the source of our word "character." Caesar's image on a coin was supposed to look exactly like the ruler. Here the word means that the Son is exactly like the Father.

Although he sustains the universe, he was willing to provide purification for our sins. Thus, he is now seated in the place of honor beside "the Majesty on high." Not only has his word surpassed that of the prophets; his role is far more important than that of angels.

ONE GREATER THAN ANGELS (2:1-4)

After 1:4 the writer continues to illustrate Christ's superiority over angels by quoting seven Old Testament passages. Finally in 1:14 he defines the work of angels as spirits who minister to humans who are to inherit salvation. They are messengers of

salvation, but only the Son could provide it.

"Therefore" in 2:1 refers to all of chapter 1 in describing the person and work of Christ. The writer urges his readers to pay close attention to what they have heard. They were second-generation Christians; they had not heard the message directly from the Lord or his first followers. The writer of Hebrews was warning them against drifting away from the truth. If the message of angels about God's law and justice is dependable, we cannot escape punishment if we neglect the salvation God has provided.

The Lord—that is, Jesus—spoke of that salvation in his compassion, teachings, and death. Then, those who heard and accepted it showed us it was real. At the same time, God was validating their testimony by signs, marvels, and miracles, and also by distributing gifts of the Holy Spirit as he saw they were needed.

GOD'S SON AND OUR SAVIOR (2:5-9)

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The second temptation involves spiritual ambition. Satan offers to give him the Kingdoms of this world if He would worship him—the devil. Jesus had come to establish His rule over all nations. Jesus does not deny the claim of the devil. This was a short cut method for Jesus to realize His spiritual ambitions. Jesus was not interested in establishing a temporal or material Kingdom but a spiritual one. The method of the devil to establish a Kingdom was sin, external violence, earthly power and glory. Jesus rejected the sword in favor of the cross. God proposes that his Kingdom be attained through brain, body and soul sweat of self-denying love and devotion to God.

The third temptation was to test the truth of God's statement at his baptism. Since he was the Son of God, he could throw himself down from the pinnacle of the Temple and be sure of miraculous protection. To tempt God would imply not faith but mistrust and uncertainty as to whether God would really do what he promised to do. This was an attempt to incite him to do what was really self-will un-

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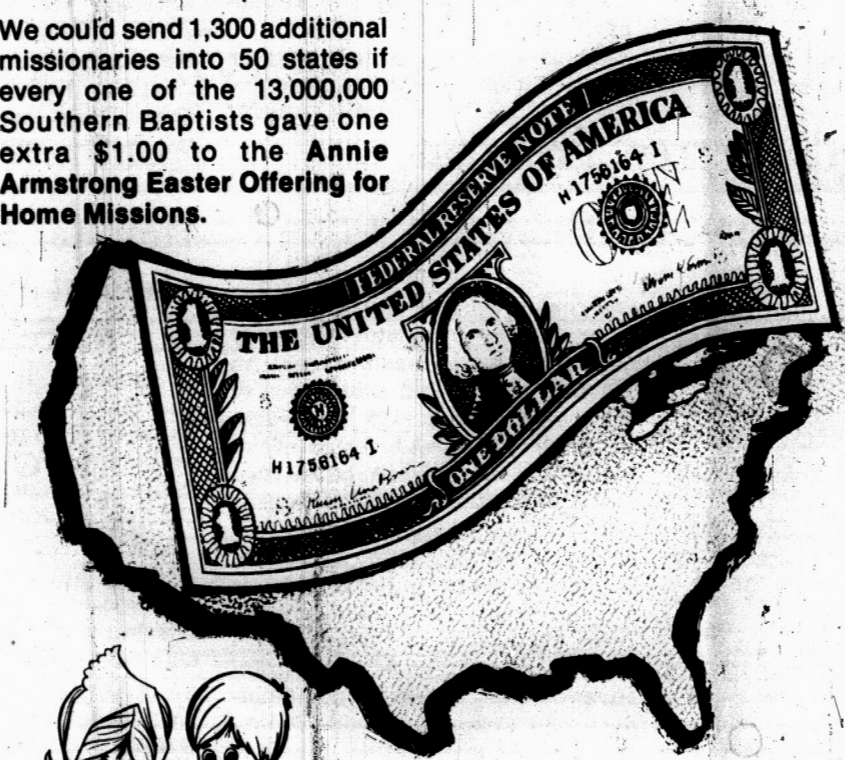
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Devotional

You Can't Stay

By Fred Trexler, Jr., Pastor First, Richton

Our flight was cancelled. We had made every precaution to be sure there was a flight from Kingston, Jamaica to San Jose, Costa Rica. We arrived in Kingston and received the news. Our flight to San Jose the next day had been cancelled. We would have to take the plane that night to Panama City, Panama and then travel to San Jose the following day.



My Wife, Charlene, and I had been in revival services at the Sutcliffe Mt. Baptist Church near Montego Bay, Jamaica. God had blessed the revival and over one hundred people had made public decisions for Christ.

We were planning to continue our trip by visiting the Spanish Language Institute in San Jose, Costa Rica and stay with some friends of ours who were Southern Baptist missionaries attending the Institute.

We left our hotel for the airport after our overnight stay in Panama City. We checked our luggage and received some forms for travel. The flight from Panama City to San Jose was a pleasant one and we arrived on time. We handed the forms we had been given in Panama to the lady at the gate.

"I will need your tourist card," she said. "Isn't this it?" I asked, pointing to one of the cards we had filled out.

"No," she replied, "this is not a tourist card." "Well, that's all they gave us," I said. She then told us to wait upstairs in the airport. I thought it would be only a simple matter of securing the needed card.

However, in a few minutes, the airline agent approached me rather nervously and said, "You can't stay. You will have to return to Panama City."

"You mean now?" I asked. "Yes," he said, "you will have to get back on your plane and you will need to hurry because it is about ready to leave." I asked him to take me to the man in charge and he did but he still refused to let us stay. The agent was very nice and told us that he was trying to save us from having to pay a fine of \$500.00 each. Well, I had never defied the law before and didn't believe in doing so but somehow I just couldn't get back on that plane, having traveled this far.

Well, when the agent saw my continued reluctance he left us again. By now I had recovered from the shock enough to pray and I prayed, "Lord, if it is your will for us to stay, please help us." I had just finished praying when the airline agent returned and said, "They are going to let you stay." We were given the necessary cards and our friends arrived to meet us shortly after this.

When we returned to the airport for our departure back to the States the head of Immigration, the man who had decided to let us stay in San Jose, happened to walk by and I pointed to my card and thanked him in Spanish. Later, he came up to me before we left and gave me his card and wished us a nice journey. I gave him a tract in Spanish that I had written.

It is comforting to know that whatever the circumstances might be Our Lord is only a prayer away.

Dr. Wesberry's Biography Published

After a pastorate of 31 years, Dr. James P. Wesberry will retire from the pastorate of Morningside Baptist Church in Atlanta and become pastor emeritus at a Service of Appreciation and a Reception to follow on the evening of February 28. His biography will be published at the same time. It is entitled *The Morningside Man*.

The biography was written by Dr. James C. Bryant, Chairman of the Division of Humanities at Mercer University in Atlanta.

The biography has been underwritten by the Morningside Baptist Church in Atlanta, Georgia from which copies may be obtained at \$6.95 each.

Faculty Revolting At South Carolina Junior College

GREENVILLE, S. C. (BP) — A majority of the faculty of North Greenville College, located in Tigerville, a Greenville suburb, has signed a petition demanding the president's resignation. North Greenville is a Baptist junior college with enrollment of 750.

The letter of petition accuses Harold E. Lindsey, president since 1970, of being "arrogant, dictatorial, self-serving, un-Christian." It asks him to resign "as quickly and as quietly as possible," according to a report by South Carolina's Baptist Courier.

A financial campaign for \$4 million was nearing the half-way point when the controversy developed. Ryan Eklund, vice president for development, quickly resigned, saying the school cannot raise money in the midst of controversy.

Two principle grievances center

around a stepped up teaching load and a charge that the president had bought land from the college at less than market value.

Lindsey increased the standard instructional schedule last fall from 15 to 18 semester hours. The professors objected to the increase and to "the high handed and dictatorial manner in which he did it without consulting us."

Records in the Greenville County Court House show that Lindsey has purchased 60 acres, plus five developed building lots from the college since 1971. Some purchases were slightly above assessed value and some were below this figure.

"He purchased 10 acres in 1971 for \$10,125. It was assessed at \$10,000," the Baptist Courier reported.

"In 1974 he purchased 50 acres for \$10,000. The county books do not yet show the assessed value. Resi-

1st, Natchez, To Celebrate 141st Year-Lunch At D'Evereux; Orchestra Music

First Church, Natchez, is planning to observe homecoming and 141st Anniversary celebration on April 27, 1975. All former pastors, staff members, former church members are urged to attend.

The slogan for the day will be "The First Baptist Church, Past, Present, and Future."

The two living former pastors, Dr. D. Lewis White and Rev. Wayne Coleman have accepted invitations to attend. Mrs. Carolyn Dunlap, wife of the late Rev. Tom Dunlap, has accepted her invitation.

The pastor, Rev. Odean Puckett, will deliver the morning sermon. Dinner on the ground will follow on the D'Evereux property and the evening service will be devoted to music, with 25 members of the Jackson Symphony Orchestra participating with the First Baptist Church choir.

A record attendance is anticipated.

Grenadans Help Repair Camp

MANGLARALTO, Ecuador — A telephone repairman, a city manager and a carpenter joined forces with 14 other men and women from North Carolina, South Carolina and Mississippi to make improvements at the Manglaralto Baptist Camp here.

The increasing number of persons using the six year old camp, about 95 miles from Guayaquil on the Pacific Coast, made improvements necessary. In one month last year, 230 people came to the camp.

An asbestos-cement roof was made to replace the thatched roof of the chapel, and a new concrete floor was poured. Several women painted the pews and also scraped, sanded and painted the beds for one dormitory building. Eight of the 16 dormitory rooms were painted.

MC Gets \$2,000

From Shell

Mississippi College has been awarded a \$2,000 donation by Shell Companies Foundation, Inc., under its Shell Assists Program.

Dr. Lewis Nobles, president, accepted the donation on behalf of the college and expressed appreciation for it.

The money is to be used for four grants. The first \$500 is to be placed in the general budget of the college for use as the president sees fit.

The second \$500 is to be used for general faculty development at the discretion of Dr. Charles E. Martin, vice-president for academic affairs, while grant three is for additional professional development of individual members of particular faculties.

The final \$500 grant is for student aid.

Other improvements included ventilating, painting and building new cabinets and storage space for the kitchen; reworking electrical, water and sewage disposal systems; and installing a new dishwashing area.

The group also participated in evangelistic services in Galilee Baptist Church at Cadeate during their eight-day stay.

Most of the participants' expenses were provided by their home churches or associations, although some financed their own expenses.

Mississippi Participants: Mr. & Mrs. Jim Martin, Grenada (he is a skilled carpenter, she a secretary in a radio station) and Lyle Corey, Grenada (a road-building contractor). These three are members of First Church, Grenada, where Dr. John Lee Taylor, member of the Foreign Mission Board, is pastor.

Bobby White, Grenada, a paint contractor and a member of Friendship Church.

Ovett Calls Pastor

Rev. Terry Booth has accepted the pastorate of Ovett Church, his first pastorate. He will be ordained at First Church, Laurel.

A senior at William Carey, he will graduate in December. At Carey he has been on the BSU executive council, and was BSU missionary to the Northwest.

Ovett Church honored Rev. and Mrs. Booth with a pounding, following the morning service on February 9. Basil Rowell, chairman of deacons, presented the gifts. Mrs. Booth is the former Ann Butler of Laurel.

Rev. B. F. Smith of Hattiesburg, interim pastor, taught the January Bible Study, with 28 completing the study.

Forrest Hospital Is Host To Meeting Of Baptist Chaplains

Forrest County General Hospital was host for the Mississippi Baptist Chaplains Association, February 10. This was the first time the association has met in that area of the state.

Chaplain Jack Follis, East Mississippi State Hospital, who directs a clinical pastoral education program, discussed "The View of the Future of Chaplains in Mississippi." Chaplain C. B. Hamlet, Forrest General Hospital, presented "The Chaplain's Work in a General Hospital, Including

Work with Paramedics." The chaplains enjoyed a meal together as guests of the hospital.

Chaplain H. B. Nail, Mississippi State Hospital, presided, and others in attendance were Dr. Foy Rogers, Director of Cooperative Missions, Mississippi Baptist Convention Board; Associate Chaplain Mark Moffett, Mississippi Baptist Hospital; Chaplain Ray E. Bell, Columbia Training School; Chaplain Thomas W. Black, Keesler AFB; Chaplain Johnson, Coast Guard; and Chaplain Intern Vann Bryant, Forrest General Hospital.



Front row (l to r): Dr. Foy Rogers, Chaplain Jack Follis, Chaplain H. B. Nail. Back row (l to r): Chaplain C. B. Hamlet, Chaplain Thomas W. Black, Chaplain Ray Bell, Associate Chaplain Mark Moffett.

MC Expands Degree Program To Include E.D.S. In English

Mississippi College has expanded its Education Specialist Degree program to include the Ed.S. degree in English. It was announced last week.

Dr. Ed McMillan, dean of the graduate division, said the new emphasis was added to the college curriculum in order to better serve the needs of the teachers of the state.

"English teachers with the master's degree who wish to pursue a further degree have often complained about lack of opportunity to do so in the Jackson area," said Dr. McMillan.

According to Dr. McMillan, the 30 semester hour program for the Ed.S. in English will enable students to expand their knowledge in the subject matter field and also to explore theories and methods of education. Both are designed to develop one's ability as an English teacher.

The English courses range from

one concerned with student writing to one which is an intensive study of selected world masterpieces. An extra benefit is that completion of the degree will qualify the teacher for the Class AAA certificate in his or her area of specialization.

The Education Specialist Degree is a half-way step between the master's degree and the doctorate. The Ed.S. degree in English is the fourth specialist area now offered at Mississippi College, the other three being in School Administration and Supervision, Guidance and Counseling, and Elementary Education.

In order to be admitted to any of the programs a teacher must hold or be qualified to hold a class AA certificate in his or her area of specialization.

Information about the Ed.S. in English, as well as any of the other programs, may be obtained by contacting the Dean of the Graduate Division at Mississippi College.

Trinity, Eudora To Dedicate New Sanctuary

Trinity Church, Eudora, will dedicate their new sanctuary March 2 at 1:45 p.m. the new structure was built by Hernando Lumber Company at a cost of \$38,500.

Trinity Church has been organized since 1910. The new building will be in addition to the present sanctuary, which will be remodeled for fellowship and educational space, and a portable building also used for educational space.

Trinity Church has experienced great growth during the past two years, according to the pastor, Rev. David Hollaway.

During the dedication service, several ministers will participate. Among them will be Dr. Bobby Moore, Broadway, Memphis; Rev. Ervin Brown, Supt. of Missions for Desoto Baptists; Rev. Raymond Hollaway, Supt. of Missions for Fayette County (Tenn.) Baptists; and Rev. Harold Bennett, pastor First Church, Eudora. Bro. Clifford Dye, Chairman of the Building Committee will also take part.

Hospital Slates Student Night For March 6

"Student Night" at Baptist Hospital, Jackson, is set for March 6 at 7 p.m. at the hospital amphitheatre, and the public is invited, (tickets \$1 for adults and 50c for children.)

Students of the x-ray, respiratory therapy and practical nursing schools, plus students of Mississippi College School of Nursing, will present comedy skits, according to Kathy Bearden, the hospital's director of student activities.

A highlight of the program will be announcement of winners in the annual competition for such titles as "Mr. Mississippi Baptist Hospital," "Miss Mississippi Baptist Hospital," "Most Beautiful."

Master of ceremonies will be Gene Rester, and producers of the show will be Cheryl Glover and India Summerall, co-editors of the student annual, Life.

Note Burning



Trinity, Carthage, Rev. Percy M. Cooper, pastor, held a note burning service and dedicated the church buildings February 9. This was the second time in 11½ years the church has paid off all indebtedness. Pictured are G. C. Williams, treasurer, left, and Belmont Wilbanks, chairman of trustees. During the past 11½ years the church has built a three-bedroom pastor's home; enlarged, refinished, and refurbished the auditorium making it, to quote a worker from Nashville, "one of the nicest small churches in the SBC"; built 12 classrooms, fellowship hall and kitchen; and paved the parking lot. The paying of indebtedness called for \$115,000. At the same time, the church has increased gifts to the Cooperative Program each year.



Friendship Attains Distinguished Recognition In Church Training

Friendship, McComb, has received Distinguished Recognition in Church Training for the second year, according to Kermit S. King, Director, Mississippi Church Training Department. The basis for evaluating this achievement is the Church Training Achievement Guide.

Pictured are some of the leaders who made this achievement possible: H. Glenn Schilling, pastor; Hugh Jackson, associational Church Training director; Bobby Weber, Church Training director; Hansel Duncan, director of enlistment; and Joe Busby, secretary.

Each month emphasis is placed upon different projects. A new program for the promotion of the Bible Drill is planned for the Children's Department and Youth Training groups.

Off The Record

Rockefeller bought a little place to relax in away from Washington. Rhode Island.

"What if my parachute doesn't open?" "Then you jump to a conclusion!"

The 3rd grade teacher was trying to break her class of the "I seen" habit.

"You should never say 'I seen him do it,'" she sternly admonished.

"Yeah," piped up a voice from the rear. "Specially if you ain't sure he done it."

A couple of fellows paid a high price for a bird dog and took him out for a field test.

After an hour, one said in disgust, "This dog is no good."

"Let's throw him in the air one more time," said the other. "If he doesn't fly, we'll give him away." —LEO AIKMAN, Atlanta Constitution.

A drunk staggered up to a hotel desk late one night and demanded another room. "But you have the best room in the house, sir," answered the desk clerk. "I don't care," was the stubborn reply. "I want another room, and I want it quick." Realizing that it would do no good to argue or reason with him any further, the desk clerk turned to the pageboy and said, "Move this gentleman out of 505 and put him in 508, right away." Completely satisfied, the inebriated guest moved toward the lift. "Would you mind telling me, sir, why you don't like 505?" asked the clerk. "Well, for one thing, it's on fire!" —Quote

Ad in a farmers' magazine: Wanted — a dairy farm employee. Must not have any bad habits such as drinking, cussing or eating margarine.

Teacher: "Dan, I understand your hobby is magic. What's your favorite trick?"

Dan: "Sawing a girl in two." Teacher: "Wonderful! Are there any other children in your family?"

Dan: "Yes, six half sisters."